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Comments: I strongly opposed this change in policy regarding fixed climbing anchors. Fixed climbing anchors are one of the least intrusive ways to allow for recreation in wilderness areas. With the latest climbing technologies, updated bolts last for a lifetime and can be camouflaged to make them near impossible to see. When used solely for anchor stations (sport climbing not included) this creates far less impact than other forms of recreation.

On top of this, allowing for fixed anchor stations reduce search and rescue incidents, costs, and destruction. Having been a member of SAR before I know the impact that a rescue can have to critical areas. Fixed climbing anchors are far less destructive overall and less unsightly than people bailing and leaving gear behind. Allowing for legal use of established low impact bolting techniques provide for effective recreation in ways that are far less destructive than the passing of this plan will promote.

Please leave things the way they are!