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Comments: As a climber who regularly climbs in wilderness areas, I think that this proposal is misguided, but understandable.

It seems that land managers feel the need to assert some control over the installation of fixed anchors within the wilderness, and I think more control may well be called for.

But I think this proposal is more heavy-handed than necessary to achieve that end, and poses an existential threat to all climbing in the wilderness.

Fixed anchors are a vital part of wilderness climbing, and have been since even before the passage of the Wilderness Act.

This style of regulation for fixed anchors will be onerous to climbers, burdensome to land managers, and seems likely to result in a de-facto ban on climbing in the wilderness.

I think the worst thing about this proposal is that it could destroy the working relationship between climbers and land managers, which has been of great benefit to both parties.

Please reconsider this proposal, the same ends can be achieved with a lighter touch.