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Comments: I hope we can take a closer look at the proposal with some feedback from the climbing community to ensure the protection of wilderness areas while allowing for respectful climbing and maintaining the safety allowed by fixed anchors.

I agree with the goal of protecting the character of the wilderness areas, but fixed anchors are an essential part of climbers safety systems that have been an accepted part of existing climbing policies. Fixed anchors have been used for decades to protect climbers and it is unreasonable to now create new guidance against them. I am concerned with the resultant confusion and safety issues that will arise if fixed anchors are removed or prohibited. I believe it is unreasonable to remove anchors from existing routes. I know from my own experience that climbers are and desire to be stewards of the land, and take precaution when climbing and exploring to protect the land we climb on. Removing anchors will only make climbing less safe for exploration.