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Comments: As a long time climber, I am in total support of leaving existing climbing anchors as they are in National Forest areas. In fact, at times they require maintenance to keep them safe. Climbing in the Wasatch Mountains (my local haunt) and leaving protection in place started before the local wilderness areas were designated. They have minimal impact; even when you are looking for them you sometimes don't see them. Climbing will continue in these areas and some rock good for climbing is not necessarily good for using removable protection.

I should say also that I am in support of wilderness areas and appreciate the protection they provide in our federal lands. But I don't feel that fixed climbing protection per se, lessens the impact of a wilderness area. I would understand regulations requiring colored anchors that blended with the rock in more visible areas. And I might even support regulations banning new fixed routes in wildernesses.