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Comments: Hi, I have been climbing on public lands for the greater part of my 41 years alive. I feel strongly that fixed anchors are mandatory for the safe practice of the sport and should be managed at the discretion of the climber, the person who is trusting their own life to the anchors. Climbing is a legitimate activity that is becoming increasingly popular so I understand the need to have some kind of basic rules where fixed anchors are concerned but I don't think it is appropriate to use the minimum requirements analysis to judge the validity of all existing anchors. I also do t think it's fair to categorize anchors as "installations" as the wilderness act defines it. Just as a trail requires cairns and switchbacks and signage to encourage safe passage, rock climbs sometimes require fixed anchors. Please don't let a government official decide to remove bolts, that would be erasing history. Thanks for the consideration.