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Comments: Fixed climbing anchors are not prohibited installations under the Wilderness act and should not be reclassified as such. This reclassification may result in a de facto ban of fixed anchors in the wilderness and NFS lands, creating safety issues, hindering appropriate exploration of wilderness areas, and in some cases resulting in further degradation of vulnerable areas. Fixed anchors generally, and bolts in particular, are unobtrusive and sustainable tools that allow for safe and appropriate use of wilderness and NFS areas. Without additional funding and resources devoted specifically to climbing management in wilderness and NFS areas across the country, it is unreasonable to expect that fixed anchors could be properly managed if MRAs are required for their installation and ongoing management.