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Comments: I am writing as a climber of 40 years to express concern over the changes to wilderness anchor policy. The proposed prohibition of fixed anchors in wilderness is a dramatic shift in policy and an inappropriate response to the issue of protecting wilderness. I am certainly in favor of protections for wilderness and want to encourage preservation of wild places. The existing policies governing fixed anchors have allowed land management agencies to navigate the complicated legal stipulations of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and subsequent enabling legislation for specific wilderness areas. Let's support the cooperative process that has allowed land managers and stakeholders to create appropriate solutions. A dramatic policy change like this is too drastic. I would strongly recommend that there not be a blanket prohibition of fixed hardware in wilderness and ask you to reconsider the proposed policy change.