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Comments: Climbing is a legitimate use of wilderness, but if climbing is to change the wilderness areas or limit others use the activity must be restricted or prohibited. Placement of fixed hardware for belay or rappel does not change or limit any other parties use of wilderness nor does it violate the wilderness act. due to the concentration of human activity cause by bolted face climbs, this type of fixed hardware violates the wilderness act. climbing management strategies will address ways to control and in some cases reduce the number of fixed anchors to protect the parks wilderness resources. Fixed anchors should be rare in wilderness, authorization should be required for placement of new fixed equipment, as well as replacement and removal of said fixed equipment. the authorization will be established at the park level and will be based on consideration of resource issues and recreation opportunities. if unacceptable impacts are occurring in wilderness as a result of climbing the park superintendent may deem it necessary to restrict or prohibit the placement of fixed anchors. clean climbing technique should be the norm, but even in this technique it is require to rappel or belay off fixed anchors occasionally as to keep the activity safe clean and efficient.