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Comments: If implemented, the guidance would create significant safety issues, threaten world-class climbing routes (many were established prior to wilderness designations), obstruct appropriate wilderness exploration, and burden land managers and climbers with unnecessary red tape.

Fixed anchors are essential pieces of the climber's safety system that allow people to safely and sustainably access vertical terrain. Without fixed anchors, many of the wildest and most inspiring places in America would become inaccessible to the American public.

Further, on popular climbing routes used recreationally or commercially, reduced or removed fixed anchors due to the proposed guidance will result in an increased likelihood of climbing accidents due to climbers needing to rely on less secure and traffic facilitating traditional climbing gear on climbing routes, whereby search and rescue efforts to respond might result in a greater footprint impact on wilderness than established fixed anchors ever could be argued to cause.