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Comments: Fixed anchors are fundamental to the safety of climbers and are essential in allowing them access to American wilderness. A precedent has been established by allowing fixed anchors in American wilderness areas for decades and there is no reason to eliminate or limit these anchors now. Climbers rely on them for safety and to be able to retreat from a cliff in the event of an emergency or injury. Many wilderness areas are simply unable to be explored without these fixed anchors, limiting access to the many Americans who wish to recreate on their natural lands. These anchors aren't put up thoughtlessly, but rather with much care and expertise after discussions with land managers and consideration of local guidelines/regulations. To enforce a ban on fixed anchors in wilderness areas would be impossible and lead to much confusion/unnecessary deaths and rescues of climbers in the process. As a taxpaying and climbing American citizen, I urge the US Forest Service to continue allowing fixed anchors for climbing in American wilderness areas.