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Comments: I urge the USFS to not support allowing the use of fixed anchors in Wilderness Areas. The Wilderness Act of 1964 prohibits structures and installations, such as fixed anchors. Fixed anchors, therefore, must not be allowed in Wilderness Areas in order to preserve the wild character of these places. The primary duty of the USFS is to protect Wilderness so that it remains natural and untrammeled. The USFS should not elevate the creation of recreational opportunities over this main purpose. The use of fixed anchors does not only mars the landscape visually and destroys rock physical, it also creates areas of high concentrated use causing other damage like human waste pollution, trash, over trampling of native vegetation, erosion and wildlife disturbances. Climbing in Wilderness will not cease to exist if fixed anchors are prohibited. Climbing with removable protection like cams and chocks is consistent with the Wilderness Act. Many climbs have taken place in Wilderness with this climbing style and ethic. Recreational opportunities will continue to exist and the wild character of Wilderness will be preserved as opposed to the alternative option of allow the use of fixed anchors. The number of truly wild places is dwindling. Only 3% of the land in the Lower 48 is Wilderness. As Edward Abbey once said, "The idea of Wilderness does not need defending, only more defenders." Let's stop caving to interest groups at the expense of keeping our few remaining wild places wild. We cannot compromise with those who put profits and self-interest above protecting the wild character of wilderness. It is important that we protect the integrity of the wild for now and the future. We rely on the federal agencies like the NPS, USFS, and BLM to carry out this mission. Therefore, it is essential that the USFS prohibits the use of fixed climbing anchors in Wilderness Areas.