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Comments: The proposal, as written, flies in the face of the spirit and practice of the Wilderness Act and must not be enacted.

Fixed anchors are fundamentally different than bridges, roads or other infrastructure currently defined as "installations" and do not degrade the Wilderness character of an area. They are an essential link in climbers' safety chain and sparing use of fixed anchors is vital to the act of climbing and exploring in Wilderness areas. Requiring a bureaucracy-heavy approval process for each fixed anchor is a de-facto ban on fixed anchors in Wilderness and claiming otherwise is disingenuous and wrong.

In addition, reinterpreting the Wilderness Act after decades, seemingly on a whim, is asking for repeated and extended litigation on the issue (both at large and after each MRA process), leading to even further financial and bureaucratic stresses on already-overburdened land managers.