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Comments: Dear USFS personnel,

I am writing to express to express my perspective that the occasional placement of a fixed anchor for belay, rappel, or protection purposes does not necessarily impair the future enjoyment of wilderness or violate the Wilderness Act.

I realize that not every wilderness area is compatible with high densities of bolt protected rock climbs. Still, sweeping bans of fixed anchors / modern anchor replacement methods have the potential to create dangerous climbing conditions, unwanted aesthetic outcomes, and greater environmental impacts.

Ultimately, an efficient and well considered system for anchor installation and replacement is the only way to go. This may look different in different wilderness areas, but the ethos is the same: Thorough understanding must come before sweeping decisions.