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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in [Wilderness/national forests] remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years-that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated [Wilderness/national forest] areas

Fixed anchors are essential safety gear, and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Work with the climbing community towards our shared interest of conservation and protection, and allow us to continue to explore and enjoy the beautiful outdoors without compromising climber's safety. Prohibiting fixed anchors will also threaten and destroy America's rich climbing legacy and culture, while placing unsurmountable obstacles in the way of exploring and climbing outdoors.

Many times when climbing, I've seen fixed anchors protect and save lives, I dare not to think what would happen if none of those existed.