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Comments: You know, as a dad with two adventurous kids who absolutely love rock climbing, I've always seen fixed anchors as a crucial part of our safety gear when we're out there in the wilderness. These aren't just some random "installations" that go against the Wilderness Act. In fact, for over fifty years, climbers have been using these anchors responsibly, and it's been a big part of keeping the true spirit of Wilderness climbing alive - keeping it primitive and free, just the way we like it.

Now, here's the thing: it just doesn't make sense for the federal agencies to suddenly start changing the rules and banning Wilderness climbing anchors across the board. We've had these anchors around for decades. They've been managed, allowed, and even authorized by these same agencies.

And let's talk about safety - that's my top priority, especially with my kids. Banning fixed anchors is just going to complicate things unnecessarily. Regular maintenance of these anchors is something the climbing community takes very seriously, and it's key to keeping everyone safe. When you're up there, decisions need to be made quickly, and we can't have some lengthy authorization process getting in the way of safety. Managing fixed anchor maintenance needs to be about encouraging safe replacements, not about risking the removal of climbing routes. After all, it's about keeping the adventure alive while ensuring that everyone gets back home safely.