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Comments: I'm strongly opposed to the USFS proposal around fixed anchors.

It goes without saying that fixed anchors are an essential way to keep climbers safe while navigating Wilderness areas and the prohibition of maintenance on existing anchors puts all climbers in the areas at risk.

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

These proposals have the potential to erase an entire user group from Wilderness area use, and that's just unacceptable.