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Comments: Climbers have been responsibly using fixed anchors in wilderness areas since the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964 and climbing has been a wilderness activity for much longer. Using fixed anchors where needed on both established on new routes makes climbing - which is an approved use of wilderness areas - safer and more accessible to a broader range of people. Fixed anchors have little visual impact, are maintained by their users, and do not impact other users of wilderness areas or national parks and do not require financial support from government agencies. Climbers have been successfully managing the appropriate placement of anchors for decades.

Enacting rules that designate fixed anchors as "installations" and which would require a review of every existing fixed anchor in every national park and wilderness area has two possible outcomes: either the federal government will invest huge sums of taxpayer money in conducting reviews, managing appeals, and removing or maintaining "approved" anchors or agency managers will be forced to remove all existing anchors (another huge investment of taxpayer money) and, essentially forbid climbing, which is already an approved use of these areas.

Finally, taxpayers might ask, "This all sounds expensive, what problem is you solving?" Given that climbing is an approved wilderness activity, climbers have been installing, maintaining and improving fixed anchors for decades, and no other user group is impacted by the use of anchors, there doesn't seem to be a good answer to this question.