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Comments:

As a climber and someone who frequently climbs in wilderness areas I am opposed to your proposal to classify bolts and fixed anchors as installations in wilderness. I am a strong advocate for protecting wilderness but believe this proposal misses the mark. Fixed anchors allow safe travel through the wilderness just as maintained trails do in the wilderness. Climbing has a long and strong history in the wilderness and has been acknowledged as a valid human powered activity on these lands.

Removal and or not allowing anchors to be updated will create many hazards to climbers.

I work for the government(as a nurse in the VA) and getting approval and funding for even minor changes can be costly and time consuming. Our climbing community(volunteers and local/national climbing organizations) does a better job monitoring and updating fixed anchors without needing to go through unnecessary barriers and creating a backlog of work to an already strapped budget.

I urge you to reconsider and go back to drawing board with advocates from the Access Fund and American Alpine Club as stake holders that can come up with a safer policy for fixed anchors.