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Comments: I'm a mountaineer, and am saddened that someone felt that it was necessary to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when climbing anchors have been allowed, managed, and authorized for at least six decades. As a member of multiple climbing organizations, I know that they stand ready to work with the National Park Service and the US Forest Service to address the issue of fixed anchors in Wilderness and implement guidelines following such a collaborative effort. How about we give that a try before what appears to me to be unreasonable bureaucratic processes being instituted for something that can be an "in the moment" decision making process for climbers. I'm not advocating that we abandon all regulation if there is a perceived need for clarification, but my understanding is that there already ARE regulations, or at least best practices, so if they are not "good enough" for some reason, how about a dialog with those who represent the climbing community?