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Comments: As a climber, I'm incredibly concerned by these proposed changes. The US has a huge history of climbing in wilderness areas, and fixed anchors are a critical part of our safety systems. The climbing community is intensely aware of our impact on the areas we climb, and we work with land managers and climbing non profits and each other to find ways to minimize that impact without sacrificing our safety. Every climbing area and community finds their own balance of access and impact, and we have amazing, iconic climbs with decades of history to show for it. Federal rules prohibiting fixed hardware by default would endanger all of that, overturn decades of precedent, and destroy the work of thousands of climbers and land managers everywhere. We would lose irreplaceable parts of our climbing history.