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Comments: I oppose the prohibiting of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas. This will create safety issues for climbers when critical safety issues must be made in the moment, as well as force climbers to use old and unreliable anchors that could lead to injury or death. Federal agencies have allowed fixed anchors in these areas for decades and it is unreasonable for them to impose regulations now. This will also be impossible to manage, as wilderness areas are vast and un-motorized recreation is not and should not be regulated. Prohibiting anchors as well as removing current fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing history and affect historic routes that have been integral to the history of the sport. It is unreasonable to think that federal agencies are able to decide what is or is not necessary when it comes to fixed gear. Climbers have self-regulated this sport for decades and can be trusted to recreate responsibly in these beautiful places. Climbers who recreate in wilderness areas love these areas and want to keep them wild. We do not leave unnecessary gear and do what we can to keep anchors camouflaged so that they are hidden unless you are trying to find them. I am suggesting fixed anchors continue to be allowed in wilderness area but must be camouflaged as to not be noticed by those not climbing or using these anchors.