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Comments: Climbing is a unique opportunity for recreational users to challenge themselves mentally and physically in a wilderness setting. Thank you for balancing user needs with overall wilderness values.

- -"Do not allow extensive or arbitrary placement and replacement of fixed anchors and fixed equipment without regard to rock features that provide natural opportunities for ascent and descent, such as where fixed anchors and fixed equipment are placed or replaced at a location that is otherwise climbable purely to make the climb easier, as opposed to at a location that is not otherwise climbable to enable a climber's ascent and descent of a climbing route identified in the applicable climbing management plan": This is subjective. Will the permit system give applicants the ability to justify what and where they install? This gives opportunity for context and allows hardware installers to present their case of necessity and minimal impact.
- -If an installation is denied there should be a chance to be negotiated and/or edited to better meet wilderness and/or climbing management goals.
- -"Removal of existing fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness": What would this proposal process look like? In addition to potentially creating safety hazards for uninformed users this could promote use of gear with potential for more resource damage. Brightly colors slings, for example, eventually create more trash.
- -Use of motorized rock drills should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Hand drilling is a timelier process, and time in wilderness could create impact as well.