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Comments: I am thorough against this directive. I believe it robs the public of the ability to respectfully experience lands that rightfully belong them, not the government.

As a life-long outdoorsman who only started climbing later in life, I can confidently say that fixed anchors add substantially to the public's ability to access and enjoy nature. In all my years hiking, I scarcely ever even noticed anchors, and I've never felt they were obtrusive or in any way negatively impacted my experience or the quality of the land (and I am very sensitive to man's encroachment into sacred nature spaces). I've never known another person who was not a climber that was even aware of fixed anchors any park I've been to, so I simply cannot believe they are damaging to the natural experience. Since I've begun climbing, the existence of fixed anchors has made it possible for me to take trips and do things I never would have done otherwise.