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Comments: I strongly oppose the adoption of a directive requiring a management plan for installation and maintenance of fixed climbing anchors in wilderness. I climb in the sawtooth in Idaho and limiting fixed anchors would adversely affect the safety and accessibility of rock climbing. Climbing anchors are generally difficult to see (even for a trained eye) and do not generally detract from the wilderness character.; they are much less intrusive than trail signage and markings. Requiring removal of climbing anchors will essentially prevent this activity, due to difficulty descending from many historic and long established routes via non- technical trails, such as the finger of fate in the sawtooths, or the north ridge of Mt Regan. This directive will greatly limit climbing, a longstanding designated and beneficial use of our public lands.

Please do not adopt this directive