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Comments: Fixed anchors are not prohibited installations under the Wilderness Act. They are essential piece of climbers' safety system and has been such for decades. Following existing climbing policies will protect Wilderness character while providing for safe Wilderness climbing.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will obstruct appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas. Land managers need to allow climbers to explore Wilderness in a way that allow quick and critical safety decision-making when navigating difficult vertical terrain. This prohibition will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors by the climbing community. It will also threaten America's rich climbing legacy.

Restricting the establishment of new routes on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion for land managers and climbers. Only a few USFS climbing areas have an applicable climbing management plan. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors.