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Comments: I have been an avid visitor to wilderness areas across the United States for over 20 years as a backpacker, paddler, skier, and rock climber. I understand and wish to preserve the value of wilderness experiences for all users, including rock climbers. Blanket prohibition of fixed anchors in wilderness areas is a completely inappropriate policy. Classifying judiciously placed fixed anchors as "installations" is unreasonable and does not reflect the reality of their use. Fixed anchors are an essential component required for travel in specific areas. Preventing the upkeep of anchors will create major safety issues. Most importantly, this prohibition is a drastic reversal of current policies- this will lead to the erasure of numerous historically significant climbing routes across the United States. Finally, prohibition of fixed anchors will severely negatively impact rock climbing in the United States, and essentially eliminate the possibility of wilderness rock climbing experiences. Thus, the result of this proposal will directly contradict the statement within it that "climbing is an appropriate use of NFS lands (proposed FSM 2355.03, para. 1)-including in wilderness". This policy threatens the legacy of rock climbing in the United States, as our unique combination of rock climbing opportunities in wilderness areas is a key unique feature that sets apart the climbing experience in North America. I strongly oppose the proposal to prohibit fixed anchors in wilderness areas.