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This has to go: "Restrict or prohibit the placement or replacement of fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness unless specifically authorized based on a case-specific determination that they are the minimum necessary for administration of the area for Wilderness Act purposes (FSM 2355.32)."

As does all of this: "2355.31 - Placement, Replacement, and Retention of Fixed Anchors and Fixed Equipment Outside Wilderness."

Really? The FS is going to evaluate all new climbing areas outside wilderness areas? You don't have time for that, and all the backlog will do is allow the FS to say no one can create a new climbing area.

The notion that you will at all be able to actually complete and enforce a process for all FS wilderness areas is laughable. The FS cannot even currently enforce regulations in place to preserve wilderness characteristics. Just the other day I was buzzed by drone flyers - which is happening more and more in wilderness areas yet I see FS doing nothing, citing no one, and clearly utterly incapable of actually protecting wilderness from threats such as these. Yet for some reason you go after climbers, with the illusion that you can do an MRA process.

The targeting of climbers could not be more clear. Everyone especially in Wyoming knows outfitters regularly violate wilderness regulations, including setting up backcountry camps for longer than allowed in wilderness areas, cutting new trails, using gas-powered chainsaws in wilderness areas. Yet again, the FS is unwilling and likely unable to actually enforce regulations against the true violators of wilderness. Maybe instead of wasting your time with this ill conceived and dangerous proposal, go enforce the rules and regulations you already have in place.

But you won't, will you? Because you have no problem with outfitters violating the law. You don't actually care about power drills, let's be real.

The steps you lay out for anchor approval are offensive, at best. Climbers have determined that climbing is a good use of wilderness - how dare you suggest some Forest Service supervisor be able to make that determination single-handedly. And to proposed to remove anchors! Highly unlikely those supervisors know anything about climbing. And they're going to propose removing anchors?? You ready to take on the liability for someone dying because some FS supervisor cut some bolts? Really?The entire process is patronizing, wild government overreach, and, to repeat, offensive. Under no circumstances will you actually be able to go through an MRA process for all existing fixed anchors. This is truly just targeting climbers - again, go after the real problems. Address the actual violators of wilderness characteristics.

Scrap this proposal, and maybe actually work with the climbing community to address any issues. And maybe actually enforce the rules you already have in place - on everyone. Not just climbers.