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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to ask you to not go forward with banning fixed anchors in wilderness areas. This seems to be a "solution" that is not well thought out and requires little effort on the enforcing agencies. Reasonable fixed anchors can be established in a way that is least impactful to all parties. Is this more effort? Inherently, yes. But it is also likely the most effective because it benefits both parties. An outright ban will likely lead to a lot of headache as some people will not obey the ban and some may even pursue litigation. The ban will likely not solve whatever problems you think there are with fixed anchors.

A reasonable approach seems to be to open up communications between all parties and make a simple yet effective process for installation of fixed anchors, with input from all parties at all steps. Like I said, this will be more effort, but I think in the long run it will eliminate a lot of effort and headache for all parties involved.

So please, think through the results you want and what the most effective long term strategies are to get there.

Respectfully,

Matt Randall