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Comments: It doesn't seem like this proposal has thought through the consequences of establishing substantial bureaucratic hurdles to the routine replacement of vital safety equipment (fixed anchors.) I fear that climbers will use worn, rusted, or otherwise in-need-of-replacement fixed anchors rather than face the unwieldy-sounding evaluation process, and that the result will be something that neither the government nor climbers desire, namely, climbers falling to their deaths. I'd hope that the agency could go back to the drawing board and conduct an analysis of the likely effects of such a substantial change. Perhaps a better regulatory framework is needed for managing climbing in wilderness areas, but this doesn't seem like the right starting point.