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Comments: This proposed rule is asinine; I'm amazed that anyone thinking through an intelligent approach to climbing management could come up with something so dumb.

Climbers don't place fixed anchors lightly. They are vital pieces of safety systems for rock climbing. They have been used as part of appropriate exploration of wilderness areas for over 100 years, and prohibiting them will severely harm America's rich climbing legacy and put the lives of climbers at risk. Prohibiting fixed anchors is an unreasonable step for federal agencies to take and goes against decades of established management process.

My suggestion to improve the proposed rule is to allow fixed anchors and fixed protection without an oversight process.

The climbing community has proven itself capable of self-governance. There are great examples of local climber organizations that work in partnership with land managers like the Action Committee for Eldorado in Eldorado Canyon State Park, Colorado. Climbers care deeply about land management will naturally self-organize in cases where climbing needs management.

As you consider updating this rule, I'd suggest you consider these questions:

- What would the early proponents of Wilderness, like John Muir, say about limiting the exploration of those areas, and the impact of that on the human spirit?
- What would the legislative authors of Wilderness Bills say about this interpretation? For an example I suggest you look up former Senator Mark Udall's comments.
- Do you want the political headache from passing a plan that is so asinine it effectively bans rock climbing as we know it in national parks?
- How will you feel about yourself when a young rock climber falls to her death because of a lack of a fixed anchor that used to exist on a climb? Do you want that to be your legacy?