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Comments: I don't agree with this policy for one big reason - which is that if we're preserving an area for future generations, those generations should be able to use those areas as well. If we'd like to preserve an area for future generations of animals/plants/etc - make it a preservation and ban human activity across the board. But if it's an area we explicitly want future user groups to be able to utilize - how does a trail built onto the ground differ from a trail enabled through the rock via a small handful of fixed anchors (inclusive of slings, pitons, fixed nuts, etc) over hundreds or thousands of feet?

I think most folks are pro some sort of regulation for fixed anchors in Wilderness, but a blanket ban and stripping of existing fixed anchors comes across as fairly shortsighted and NOT like it is trying to preserve the area for future user groups.