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Comments: I appose the policy this comment is associated with. I believe this policy is excessively broad and will cause confusion and chaos for land managers, climbers, and route developers. I believe they will make existing climbing less safe and cause more accidents due to the inability to replace aging fixed gear. This policy will also cause climbers to hesitate to make potential lifesaving decisions due to legal repercussions. I believe they would compromise more than 75 years of climbing and wilderness history in some locations. And I believe they deviate significantly from how the principles of appropriate use have been applied in wilderness areas.