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Comments: I strongly oppose the classification that fixed anchors are prohibited installations under the Wilderness Act and I believe any such language should be removed from the final draft. I have been a climber and an outdoorsman for more than 40 years. I climb existing and establish new routes in Wilderness, Forest Service and BLM Lands. Fixed anchors (slings, pitons and bolts) are a necessary part of climbing. I have only placed a fixed anchor when there was no options for removable protection. I have replaced unsafe anchors when needed for my own and the safety of others. They have been allowed in Wilderness areas for more than 50 years. They have been used before the Wilderness Act became law. They are an essential part of the safety system for climbing. If they are prohibited, existing routes will become dangerous and possibly erased. America has a rich climbing history and climbing management policy shouldn't take away from that.