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Comments: Fixed anchors are necessary for safe climbing and would make many routes inaccessible if they did not exist.

We need fixed anchors to lower safely off routes or bail without leaving expensive gear behind. Even Search and Rescue teams rely on fixed anchors for wilderness rescues and it would be much less safe if they had to build anchors or use natural anchors.

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Banning fixed anchors will make climbing LESS safe and create more accidents with difficult rescues.