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Comments: I am a climber and a supporter of wilderness. Fixed anchors are an essential part of climbing safety systems and their use is compatible with the Wilderness Act. New restrictions regarding fixed anchor placement will cause major safety problems for climbers, forcing rappels from poor or degrading anchors (trees). Fixed anchors can help avoid degradation of the trees. Placing further regulation and restrictions on anchor placement will result in anchors not getting replaced in a timely and safe manner. The USFS does not have the budget or manpower to evaluate anchor systems on wilderness cliffs. This is best done with cooperation of climbers (and climbing organizations) cooperating with local and federal land managers (as it has been done in many areas for years).