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Comments: As a long-time climber and wilderness advocate, I strongly disagree with the the draft language that classifies climbing anchors as fixed installations. Not only is this language inconsistent with historical interpretation of the Wilderness Act, but it also displays a lack of understanding of common climbing practices.

Though I believe the draft proposal is well intentioned, I also think that the draft language would be disastrous for wilderness climbing. There are already regulations and well -established climbing ethics that protect our wilderness areas from being overrun with bolt intensive rock climbs. As climbing has grown in popularity, I understand the desire to create more uniform standards for NPS and USFS land. I would consider supporting a different proposal with that goal, but not something that classifies all climbing anchors as illegal installations