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Comments: I've been climbing and recreating in many other ways in National Parks and National Forest for several decades. I can't understand the logic of the proposed restrictions on fixed anchors. Fixed anchors are often the simplest, safest, lowest-impact way to protect a climb. Compared to many other recreational activities and structures in wilderness areas (such as hiking trails, parking lots, and visitor centers) fixed anchors have little impact on the wilderness. Action on fixed anchors by the NPS or NFS would likely increase the environmental impact of climbing, while also making the activity more dangerous: a losing proposition.