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Comments: As a climber of 30 years who has enjoyed climbing on all types of rock, all around the world, on land managed by every type of agency, I am concerned about the recent proposal to prohibit or over-manage fixed anchors in America's wilderness areas. Fixed anchors comprised of two small bolts placed several inches within the rock, with two small metal hangers protruding from the rock, are safest for climbers, have the lowest impact upon the rock, and are the least visible of any other option available for this type of recreation. When and where fixed anchors are not allowed, climbers have to resort to methods that leave more visible gear behind, or even methods that can scar, break, or wear down on the rock and often have to be replaced or duplicated at much higher rates than fixed metal anchors. Any other method leaves behind a far worse legacy, a larger visual and environmental impact, and increases the risk of injury or death for climbers. When fixed anchors are not allowed to be placed or maintained, gear often has to be left behind, or trees are damaged because they are the only option. When climbers use cloth slings, the sun damages the cloth over time and makes them brittle and unsafe. Accidents can then happen when those break, and tattered fragments of webbing can build up at rappel or belay stations. Over the 30 years I have been climbing, the move towards safer fixed anchors has helped clean up areas that once suffered from the above issues. The proposed move in wilderness areas would force the climbing community backwards towards less sustainable, less safe, and less environmentally-friendly practices at a time when the sport is growing and in need of proactive solutions that actually matter such as more toilet facilities at popular areas, collaborative trail management, LNT education for new outdoor climbers, and erosion control practices at popular cliff base areas. Land managers should seek to better understand rock climbing before making decisions that have far-reaching impacts. There are numerous opportunities to get out and personally experience the sport and community of climbing, such as the International Climbers Festival here in Lander, WY each July where I helped start an Advocacy Day specifically geared towards helping land managers and decision-makers better understand climbing. Let's work together to proactively address and manage the priority issues in our sport and on our public lands!