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Comments: Prohibiting fixed climbing anchors in Wilderness areas while allowing trails, roads, buildings is not very logical. Climbing anchors are one of the least obtrusive actions that climbers take, while adding an element of safety to an activity that has been exercised on public land and in Wilderness areas since before the Wilderness Act of 1964 was even established. It is also inconceivable to add the bureaucratic nightmare of logistics and paperwork to enforce these new rules to already over-burdened government agencies. I disagree that fixed anchors should be banned. Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal, while allowing new placement of fixed anchors for safe climbing practices.