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Comments: Climbing anchors have been used for decades to allow free passage by climbers in America's wilderness space. Prohibiting this now increases the risk to climbers, the chances of accidents in remote locations, and removing a legacy of climbing over the past several decades. Anchors provide access and safety to a growing population of mountaineers and climbers. Without installed anchors, the chances of expensive rescues will increase.

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act