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Comments: Managers of our public lands,

The proposition to outlaw fixed climbing anchors in America's wilderness areas is short-sighted and unsafe.

Rock climbers and mountaineers rely on this equipment to facilitate descent from cliffs and mountains across our nation. These small pieces of metal and nylon are few and far between, barely noticeable from just meters away, but they have the ability to save someone's life. Far from spoiling our wilderness areas, they instead help to ensure that people feel safer adventuring in these landscapes.

Fixed anchors are hardly a concern when considering how to maintain the purity and sanctity of our wilderness. If that is the goal, maybe more impactful activities need to be reconsidered; grazing livestock on wilderness lands comes to mind.

Judicious use and establishment of fixed anchors in wilderness areas is a non-problem that does not need a fabricated solution. Please leave these important safety mechanisms alone and keep our wilderness open for vertical adventure.