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Comments: I agree that with the ever increasing number of people recreating in the outdoors, new management plans and permitting systems are necessary to ensure preservation of natural beauty found in our national parks, wilderness areas etc. As has been done with hiking, backpacking and river use in high-traffic areas, controlling the development and growth of climbing areas will surely be necessary. That being said, I believe that the wording used for the proposed guidance is too strong and overly restrictive. There is a middle ground to be reached that will minimize future impact of high-use areas, while still allowing for climbing recreation and preservation of existing routes.

I'm concerned about the wording behind approving maintenance of current fixed anchors and installation of new ones through the MRA "as funding and resources allow". Without a concrete plan for implementation, this phrasing would allow for the MRA process to be dismissed if funding cannot be found, effectively creating a ban on fixed anchor installment and maintenance.