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Comments: I commend the Forest Service in issuing regulations on fixed anchors and fixed equipment in wilderness areas, a regulation that is long overdue. Since fixed anchors and equipment are no different than any other kinds of man made equipment, there should be no question that these should be carefully regulated and not be allowed to be left by climbers, any more than backpackers would be allowed to install their own pit toilets or permanent bear hangs in the wilderness. Fixed climbing equipment, especially for non-climbers, can be an eyesore and has the potential, if used incorrectly, of damaging the wilderness further. This equipment should be heavily regulated to minimize impact on the wilderness.