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Comments: While I appreciate USFS's commitment to environmental preservation, I am concerned about the wide prohibition of fixed anchors in wilderness areas. It is important to consider the safety aspects that would come with the prohibition of fixed anchors as they have a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of climbers.

Responsible use of fixed anchors can coexist with conservation goals, allowing outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy these spaces without causing undue harm to the individual or the environment.

Outdoor recreation, including climbing, contributes to local economies and enhances the overall appeal of national parks. Rather than a complete ban, I'd recommend engaging with the climbing community to develop guidelines that strike a balance between recreation, conservation and the safety of park visitors.

Advancements in anchor technology have led to the development of safer and more environmentally friendly solutions, while educational initiatives can raise awareness about the importance of Leave No Trace principles. Engaging with the climbing community and considering their expertise in safety practices could assist in formulating policies that lower safety risks without compromising conservation goals.

In summary, any policy regarding fixed anchors should carefully consider the safety implications and involve input from the climbing community to ensure that the enjoyment of national parks remains both environmentally responsible and secure for all participants