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Comments: I firmly support the use of fixed anchors for climbers' safety, emphasizing their compatibility with the Wilderness Act. The proposal of new nationwide policies prohibiting these anchors seems unwarranted, given their decades-long acceptance by federal agencies. Prohibiting fixed anchors raises safety concerns, hindering regular maintenance and critical decision-making in the climbing community. It obstructs the appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas, limiting climbers' ability to navigate challenging terrain. I believe climbing management policies should prioritize the protection of existing routes from removal, preserving America's climbing legacy.