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Comments: I wanted to write and comment about the recent proposal, specifically to the portion that states, "that fixed anchors and fixed equipment are installations for purposes of section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act".

I am fundamentally against this language and view of fixed anchors and equipment as 'installations' as it would severely limit the accessibility to spend responsible time in the backcountry. Not only would it limit accessibility but it would make various backcountry movement inherently more dangerous as it would remove safe access to many canyons. Hundreds of people navigate the canyons of the South West and I have spend years exploring and moving through canyons in a safe and responsible manner ensuring that canyons are left in great shape while still allowing people to see the majesty of them. These canyons are not accessible without fixed anchors or fixed equipment. It is not possible to safely navigate canyons without these fixed bolts or web anchors. Many of these routes are already effectively permitted in national parks to limit the damage and adding this language does nothing but create additional bureaucratic tape to the process and harming all those who would responsibly enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. The definition of "fixed anchors and fixed equipment" as an "installation" is an overreach of the language and will do more harm than good. Remove this language from the proposal.