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Comments: My relationship to wilderness was created by climbing. As an immigrant, from a country with limited wilderness spaces, climbing gave me an avenue and a way to appreciate the wilderness that this country provides. I would not like to see it disappear nor diminish, as I have noted that climbers are often responsible stewards and participants in national parks. This policy seem to put unlimited power into the hands of the park superintendent with no community input, nor objective criteria for allowing or disallowing the placement of new fixed protection. I'm afraid that its effects could be variable based on the personal beliefs of a superintendent, and that it would not reflect the desire or the good of the community that exists around these wild space.

I also worry for the safety of climbers. Without adequate protection, and with the current rise of climbing I can imagine that less outdoor safety might produce more risky behavior and more accidents linked to improper safety placements and risky behavior. Please consider opening these decisions to the community and ensuring that we can continue to form a community around the parks.