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Comments: Wilderness areas like Linville Gorge have been home to many awesome memories and adventures. The access to the classic routes in this wilderness are accessible due to a fixed anchor rappel station. The removal of these bolts would require climbers to take greater risk when gaining access to the climbs. In my experience, the removal of bolts has forced climbers to use trees, this has lead to the decrease in tree health resulting in erosion and deterioration of cliff edge. Permanent anchors are a gateway to accessing beautiful outdoor experiences. Please don't remove them.