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Comments: I am a hiker and would say I am in favor of environmental conservation. Doing this would not repair rock where climbing gear is installed, would lead to people reinstalling gear at great expense to ensure climber safety which could further damage areas, and lead to more injuries or deaths that would require SAR groups to respond, often at great expense.

There are far more problematic issues facing environmental conservation than climbing gear, for heaven's sake! Oil and gas exploitation, a dire lack of rangers to enforce NPS and USFS rules, and chronic interference to halt things like fires that have left entire states with decades of dead debris that now is fire fuel. If we are going to spend money seeking to protect these awe-inspiring places, climber gear is NOT even in the top 10 of things we should be worried about.