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Comments: I, along with a vast number of other climbers, strongly oppose the removal of climbing anchors in wilderness areas. If permanent anchors will no longer be allowed, how can hiking trails be justifiably be allowed? Humans should be allowed to enjoy nature/wilderness areas in ways that have minimal impact on them; this includes rock climbing with permanent anchors. If permanent anchors are removed, it will inevitably encourage some climbers to decide to just climb without them or forgo using climbing protection altogether in those areas. This will likely lead to increases in climbing related injuries and deaths.