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Comments: The proposal that the USFS wants to implement doesn't seem to have an explicit "why" behind it. Why would the forest service propose to regulate or remove fixed anchors? That's like telling the NFL to play their games without helmets or pads. The individuals truly making these decisions must not understand the "why" to keep the fixed anchors in place or essentially leave the 60+ year standard to fixed anchors the way it is. In such an overstimulated, money driven, and noisy society, it makes total sense that we need to keep the standard the way it is. So climbers can safely enjoy the silence and the adventure we as all humans want in some form or fashion. We need these anchors to find peace in a society that knowingly creates pains for many individuals while only a few get to have their way. We need these fixed anchors so we can get home to our family and friends. The fact that this is even a debate is just more proof in our broken society that the government is ready to forego the safety of many for the ego, pride, and/or the financial gains of the few.