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Comments: I strongly oppose this legislation prohibiting fixed anchors in wilderness areas. These anchors are essential to safe and successful climbs. Anchors are utilized sparingly and only where absolutely necessary. Making anchors illegal will reduce climbers ability to enjoy America's great wilderness areas and overturn 60 years of tradition. This new policy is unnecessary and detracts from my wilderness experience.