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Comments: I'm a long time climber, hiker, kayaker and nature enthusiasts and I think the potential prohibition on fixed hardware in our wilderness lands is short sighted. We need to think of fixed hardware like we do trails, back country camping sites, and water access. All not only allow us entrances to wild places but helps to control the inherent impacts we make when we enter these spaces. Quality trails with creek and river crossing keep folks from stomping on delicate plants, damaging banks and dirtying the water. Fixed hardware is like that. Not only does it keep climbers safe but more importantly it protects the vegetation, trees and sensitive areas from overuse. In the past decade, a local park (Palisades Park, Oneonta, AL) has allowed fixed anchors at the tops of climbs. Prior to that climbers would lash trees and boulders to create top rope anchors. Doing so damaging the trees and killed most of the vegetation near the edge of the cliff. The tops of the bluff has significantly improved since the park began this practice. I can understand a prohibition fixed hardware and even banning access to culturally or environmentally sensitive areas for their protection, but a blanket no fixed hardware is not the answer.