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Comments: The importance of this law could not be overstated. The responsible use of fixed anchors in wilderness is a life and death issue. It is the ability of an unwitting hiker or adventurer to descend safely. If fixed anchoring is banned, there will be a massive uptick in Backcountry deaths and untold millions more spent on SAR (Search & Rescue) and recovery efforts. These bolts are small, cannot be seen from more than 100 yards away, and last for many decades. Removing these small pieces of metal nationwide would cost millions of dollars and hundreds of lives of both climbers and SAR members. Please listen to the people who know, use, maintain, and steward these areas, and do not make the mistake of removing fixed anchors.

Thank you for your consideration,

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