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Comments: I believe that this proposed policy change is a danger to the safety of climbers and a total overreaching of government policy. Climbing gear in our mountains does not distract visitors from viewing our wild places in their natural state. It also has no effect on wildlife, those who climb take care of their surroundings and strive to embody "leave no trace". Preventing/removing critical climbing gear will place climbers and mountaineers of all skill levels in potentially precarious positions. This will lead to an increase in rescues which in turn leads to additional costs to the taxpayer as well as disturbances to the natural environment. Having to medevac an injured climber/lost climbing party does not in any way help to preserve our natural environment.