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Comments: As a climber, I want to ensure the safe and responsible use of fixed anchors in snow canyon, Zion National park, Yosemite National park, and all areas, remains available to the climbing community. I respect and advocate for the responsible use of Wilderness areas and believe that fixed anchors can be a component of a sustainable Wilderness experience. Rock climbing expands the access to wilderness experiences. It aid researchers in learning about high alpine animals. Climbing aid in gaining view points nesscary for various asapects of life. Please revise your climbing guidance to reflect the practice and precedent of the last 60+ years- that fixed anchors for climbing can be used, replaced, and maintained in designated area. Having fixed gear keeps people safer than gear they place. It keeps this expanding sport accessible. Instead, encourage education and resources to explore the wilderness safely. Please take time ti talk to people that have found joy in rock climbing. Please respect the history of the sport.