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Comments: Virtually every single climber that I know is among the most environmentally conscientious people in the US. They are extremely careful and caring about America's wilderness. Any suggestion of removing fixed anchors is absolutely ludicrous. These anchors are The most essential piece of safety equipment for any climber. If fixed anchors are prohibited, you will be ending one of the safest, most pristine sports within the United States. There are so many other things wrong with this country, that I cannot even fathom that you are considering prohibiting fixed anchors and safety bolts. If you prohibit fixed anchors, you Will see a rise in fatal accidents among climbers. Is that what you want?

Restricting the establishment of new climbing routes to existing climbing opportunities will result in massive headaches to land owners and climbers and most likely result in expensive, protracted litigation.

People are allowed to drive around e-scooters and e-bikes, which are incredibly dangerous, yet extremely fit and environmentally conscientious climbers will not be able to continue to engage in climbing. If you proceed with the prohibition of fixed anchors, we will truly become a nation of fat lazy citizens. Oh yeah - that won't happen because the pharmaceutical companies are making billions on the sale of Ozempic. Please gain some sense and do NOT prohibit fixed anchors and do not restrict new climbing routes. Unless of course, you have Personal monetary motives for proceeding in this manner.