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Comments: Permanent climbing anchors are essential features for safe recreation. While having minimal visual and environmental impact, they allow climbers to safely rappel, belay, and escape dangerous weather conditions. The ethos of rock climbing culture places a significant emphasis on environmental stewardship, with climbers historically serving as influential advocates for environmental causes. Moreover, the longstanding tradition within rock climbing culture underscores the careful deployment of permanent anchors, altering the rock only when essential for safe climbing practices.

Permanent climbing anchors are a low-profile way to allow for continued safe access to iconic American rock climbing routes, routes that attract visitors from all over the world. I firmly appose any guidelines that classify permanent rock climbing anchors as prohibited installations.