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Comments: Whether there are fixed anchors or not, people will still be out climbing. Having fixed anchors, especially on popular trade routes that get a lot of climbers, creates a safer situation. Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.