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Comments: If the installation and service of fixed anchors is prohibited, it will make climbing in wilderness areas much more dangerous. Rappelling is the primary cause of death in climbing accidents, and if anchors aren't installed and replaced, climbers will resort to rappelling off of old gear that is degraded by time and weather, making it much more dangerous. The prohibition of servicing and replacing fixed anchors would also lead to greater environmental degradation-as anchors fall into disrepair, climbers will rappel off of trees and bushes, damaging them in the process. Climbers would also be forced to leave slings and other soft materials that are a much greater eyesore than bolts, and would degrade at a much faster rate, producing more waste in wilderness areas. Please allow the service and installation of fixed anchors to protect the safety of climbers and the natural beauty of the wilderness.