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Comments: Hi, climbing anchors in wilderness areas are an incredibly important aspect for the safety of the US climbing community. For decades, fixed bolts have been allowed and without major issue. Banning new anchors will result in existing anchors being unable to be replaced which is an enormous hazard because people will continue climbing on them. It makes no sense at all that this ruling would change all of a sudden with the history or it being allowed. This is not good policy. Also, it is not a realistic thing to enforce the restriction of new routes to existing routes and areas.