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Comments: Hi! I'm an avid hiker, climber, camper, etc. and have always believed in appreciating and respecting the environments that we all get to use every day in America. In my experience, fixed anchors and hardware, done in a thoughtful way, almost always decrease the wear on the rock and landscape and leave virtually no trace for anybody that were just adventuring in the area. Fixed gear like bolts on the rock allow climbers to ascend and descend the rock without the need for leaving any of their own slings, quick draws, rope, etc. which are surely more wasteful and more of an eyesore for anybody in the area that might happen to just be there for hiking or camping. The vast majority of the time, you can't even see the anchors from the ground, regardless of how hard you look. Climbers in my view have done an incredible job of very thoughtfully placing these pieces of hardware only when necessary and only in safe areas for other climbers to use for years to come, and allow more people to gain access to and respect these beautiful places that we all care about so much