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Comments: I don't think that the proposed new policies prohibiting fixed climbing anchors are a good idea for the following reasons: safety, accessibility, and legacy.

Safety

Fixed anchors are essential safety gear for sport climbers. They provide a secure point of attachment for climbers to clip into, which can help prevent falls and injuries. Without fixed anchors, climbers would be forced to place their own anchors, which is a more dangerous and time-consuming process. This could lead to more falls and injuries, as well as longer climbing times, which could increase the risk of fatigue and accidents.

Accessibility

Prohibiting fixed anchors would make climbing less accessible to people of all skill levels. Less experienced climbers would be less likely to attempt climbing routes that require them to place their own anchors, as this is a more difficult and dangerous process. This could lead to fewer people getting involved in the sport of climbing, which would be a shame. Climbing is a great way to get outdoors and get exercise, and it's a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

Legacy

The United States has a long and rich history of climbing. Some of the most famous climbing routes in the world are located in the United States, and these routes have been enjoyed by climbers for decades. Prohibiting fixed anchors would make these routes less accessible, and it would also damage the legacy of American climbing.

Conclusion

For all of these reasons, I believe that the proposed new policies prohibiting fixed climbing anchors are a bad idea. These policies would make climbing less safe, less accessible, and would damage the legacy of American climbing.