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Comments: I'm writing regarding the proposed prohibition of fixed anchors in National Parks. As an outdoors enthusiast, myself and other fellow climbers use fixed anchors for the following: rappelling or bailing off a climb, safely lowering off a route, and fixed anchors may also be used as the markings for the beginning or end of a pitch. I'm not opposed to the regulation of putting in new bolts, but alpinists rely on being able to create a fixed anchor out of slings or gear to safely get off a climb. Losing this privilege would halt or severely decrease the amount of people exploring the outdoors via climbing. Alpine routes without a walkable exit would become unclimbable. Bolted routes that are great for beginner to intermediate climbers to get outside and practice their skills would become unusable. Established bolts that are in need of replacement must be maintained and replaced when necessary to protect safe climbing, and protect the people doing it. Please consider revising this proposition to encourage people to get outdoors. Thank you.