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Comments: As a climber of over 16 years and a advocate of wild spaces of the United states I truly believe that climbers are advocates and champions of wilderness in general. Climbing is a part of American history and part of that history been fixed anchors in areas like Yosemite, Joshua tree, rocky mountain national park etc. Bolts and fixed anchors are the preferred and safe method of ascending and descending routes. Climbing has an established ethic of only putting in bolts where needed and this ethic and standard practice needs to be maintained for the safety of climbers. In addition bolts and fixed anchors or far less impactful then the alternatives of tat anchors and natural anchors such as trees. I am writing to express my firm opposition to any attempt to change the status quo of fixed anchors in wilderness area, national forest, or national parks.