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Comments: Fixed anchors are critical to allowing for safe recreational use for climbers that wish to enjoy the beautiful wilderness in on our public lands. Historically, these climbing installations have been allowed under the wilderness act and are relatively low impact in comparison to other "installments", such as hiking trails and signposts as they are hard to see form the ground.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues and place climber lives in jeopardy or lead to increased reliance on already strained park and government rescue services.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will lead to increased environmental impact on park natural resources by forcing climbers to use natural features (e.g., trees, rock blocks, bushes) to build anchors or enhance their safety.