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Comments: Prohibiting and removing fixed anchors is an unreasonable and dangerous proposal that would negatively affect climbing. This is similar to removing a guardrail along a curvy cliff-side road in a wilderness area. The removal of fixed anchors would cause greater dangerous situations in the case of rescues and would cause unnecessary leaving of gear in the case of retreat. Fixed anchors are an essential part of the safety system in climbing. Trying to manage anchors through another entity would be timely and excessive. The climbing community has been able to manage the maintenance and installation of anchors for decades. If anchors are removed on classic routes, the amount of accidents created would be catastrophic. If new anchors are not permitted, routes outside these areas will become busier and overused.