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Comments: As a climber and canyoneer who has benefitted from fixed anchors, I think this proposal would greatly limit the access, enjoyment and safety of anyone who uses these fixtures. Sports using these are legitimate recreation activities that a growing body of the population enjoys, and fixed anchors provide a great deal of safety to users. Without them and with the requirement of an MRA to install new anchors and keep existing anchors, we would be depriving a large body of people of this legitimate use of public land. Furthermore, I could imagine many people would still use the land for this activities, but in the absence of fixed anchors, may open themselves up to more risk depending on the terrain/availability of removable protection and may render some activities that require non-retrievable anchors undoable (e.g. some canyoneering). Depriving people of a legitimate recreation opportunity on public lands would be a net loss for the general public in my opinion and may cause heavier load on SAR and other rescue bodies if people still participate in such activities without the additional safety of fixed anchors. Furthermore, every participant of these activities I have had the pleasure of interacting with recognizes the preservation of our lands and the rock itself, and tries to minimize the amount of material left behind as much as possible.