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Comments: I climb and work as a climbing guide in the wilderness a lot and rely on fixed protection to climb and rappel on rock formations. Climbing anchors will become unsafe, fail, and causing fatalities if not allowed to be maintained. This ban is putting the climbing community in danger, making rescue more complex and dangerous as well. It will also erase the rich climbing history that started well before the wilderness act. Climbing is a low impact activity with a user group that respects and loves the outdoors. Please consider what these areas mean to the climbing community