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Comments: Please allow safe recreational climbing access in national parks and forests. Failure to replace anchors and bolts will result in injuries and deaths. Anchors have been established for the protection and safety of climbers as well as those who might need to perform a rescue. Removing safety equipment will not stop some climbers from attempting routes. The young, strong, and inexperienced will be at greater risk. People become climbers to explore the outdoors and to explore their limits. Creating an unnecessary barrier to safe exploration in national parks and forests is irresponsible and irrational. Establishing trails and use guidelines at a local level allows land managers the flexibility to make the best decisions considering local cultural and environmental conditions.