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Comments: I have been fortunate to able to explore wilderness areas across the country since I was a child. Often through hikes, or rafting but also mainly through climbing. It seems absurd to ban the use of bolts and permanent anchors that can facilitate these explorations and ensure these are done safely. Why would we actively endanger a community that can help support the preservation of Americas wild spaces? We are talking about 3" of metal when the park service has constructed scarring roads, has built massive facilities and has a cable system half dome. The inconsistencies are staggering. I am not arguing for the removal of those facilities as they help capture the hearts, minds and souls of visitors. Why we would seek to limit a community's involvement or actively endanger that community by removing their safety measures is beyond me. Please allow for bolting and anchors to be done in a mindful manner so the my children can grow up exploring the wildness safely as I did.