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Comments: Hey yall. As an avid climber in the parks across America, I can guarantee from personal experience that making the installation of fixed anchors illegal will endanger American's lives. This gear is essential to the safety and responsible use of these outdoor climbing spaces. Without them, climbers will be left to build anchors in non-sustainable ways, such as wrapping ropes around trees (a practice known to eventually kill the tree, and be way more dangerous to the climber) or leaving heaps of unsightly and damaging slings of rope directly on the rock (again, very dangerous to the climber and less sustainable than bolts). I am all for education of smart, LNT principals and 1000% think these rules should apply to everyone in outdoor spaces, climbers included. But much in the way that campground are encouraged and maintained by the USFS, to FACILITATE safe and responsible use of the outdoors (even though they are technically not 100% LNT), so too should bolted anchors on climbing wall FACILITATE safe and responsible use of those spaces. Please reconsider the plan to disallow climbing anchor bolts in our beautiful outdoor lands. Thank you.