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Comments: I believe rock climbers are some of the most responsible and respectful users of shared outdoor spaces. One of the reasons I love the sport so much is the opportunity it offers me to access and engage with our country's wild places in a sustainable and safe way. Overturning decades of precedence regarding the use of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas could endanger climbers, who rely on such minimally invasive gear as fixed anchors to protect themselves. I believe creating tedious infrastructure regarding the maintenance of existing anchors and forbidding the creation of new fixed anchors might encourage risky behavior and would deprive generations of climbers (both old and new) the joy of pursuing a thrilling and fulfilling hobby in the great outdoors.