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Comments: Removal of fixed anchors will not reduce traffic, it will only decrease safety and increase climbing accidents. This will have a direct impact on Search and Rescue, tax payer dollars and resources and not to mention impacts to the lives of climbers and the climbing community. Please do not prohibit fixed anchors, but instead pursue clear guidelines about what exits, what can be replaced and what can be installed.

Someone anonymously installed a fixed anchor on Forbidden Peak in the wilderness in Washington. Shortly thereafter, it was removed. Shortly thereafter, there was a fatality when a climber was unable to find the fixed anchor they had planned on locating. Climbers will not stop seeking out classic routes. Anchors only ease the flow of traffic through loved areas. Thank you for reading this comment.