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Comments: Wilderness spaces are sacred and deserving of protection and proper management. I spend days, weeks... months of my year climbing in wilderness spaces - responsibly and respectfully recreating in these areas. And that is only possible due to fixed anchors which have been managed and used judiciously for decades. Fixed anchors are an essential part of a climbers safety system, allowing in the moment decisions that can save lives. Prohibiting fixed anchors will not only create safety issues but also reduce the number of people who have access to and ability to enjoy and appreciate wilderness spaces. Appropriate and responsible installation and use of fixed anchors is necessary to preserve the wilderness, but simply prohibiting them is extreme. Let's find a way to both protect the wilderness and preserve the rich climbing legacy present in the US.