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Comments: As a someone who participates in a wide swath of recreational activities in national forests, I was very alarmed and disheartened to hear about the potential ban on climbing anchors and bolting in wilderness zones. It is important to acknowledge that climbers and climbing harware in wilderness areas do leave an impact but from my experince, this impact is incredibly small when comparded to that of the masses of other visitors and motor vehicles that recreate in forest land and wilderness zones. Fixed anchors are no doubt abundent of the classic cliffs of national parks but these tiny pieces of metal are far less impactful on the enviornment than say a road. In addition, there is a an incredible history of climbers exploring some of the greatest peaks and wall using fixed anchors. This sort of exploration continues to this day and it would be a shame for both history and future of exploration if they are banned.