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Comments: I work as an Outward Bound instructor, and a Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician. This means that I have seen first hand both the incredible power that climbing has as an agent of personal development and growth, and also the inherent risks it poses. I've seen people become themselves through climbing, and I've seen people moments from death after climbing injuries.

Fixed anchors make climbing safer. They allow for the transformative elements of the activity, while helping to mitigate some of the dangers we face while in the wilderness. Think of it like a trail sign - important pieces of safety infrastructure allowed in wilderness areas to promote safety.

I would not have been able to become who I am today, with my deep appreciation for vertical terrain and the people, plants, and animals that depend upon it, without the existence of fixed anchors.

I beseech you to continue allowing the connections to the land and increased safety margin that these tools allow by continuing to allow fixed anchors in wilderness areas.

Thank you for your time.