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Comments: National Parks are for everyone. They are a magnificent way to preserve and maintain nature. To develop peoples love of nature. While not all activities in a park should be condoned or supported the act of climbing is an established activity. For at least the last 60 years. This is an activity that is well tried. established and proven. As a group, Climbers love the outdoors. They advocate for them and want to preserve them. Currently there are anchors that are established. While it may seem that this is perhaps a destructive thing it isnt. To put in and take out anchors consistently will not only endanger human lives but the very areas you are striving to protect. Fixed anchors have a tried route much like a hiking trail. Because its vertical doesnt change this. Further if climbing is banned it will be devastating in countless ways. It will also be hard and confusing to enforce.

Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.

Climbing management policy needs to protect human lives by not forcing the removal of permanent anchors.

Climbing management policy needs to make sense.