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Comments: The culture, art and sport of Rock climbing In the United States has a rich and inspiring legacy. It is an activity that supports personal growth, empowerment, connection to nature, and stewardship of natural environments. The negative actions of defacing rock and poor ethical practices in regards to rock faces only represents a minuscule handful of climbers. The greater population of climbers absolutely treasure the opportunity to experience rock climbing and passionately care about climbing safety and the preservation of the beauty of the natural environments in which we climb. We are grateful for the opportunity to travel to national parks and experience them from the unique perspective of a rock climber. I could not imagine visiting Yosemite or red rocks and not having fixed anchors or bolted lines in these climbing meccas. Removing this imperative access to climbs would kill the history and profound achievements of climbing. Regulations need to allow for effective management and preservation of fixed climbing gear on established routes. I believe that there is an opportunity to find a harmonious solution that serves both Mother Nature and climbers alike.

Thank you!