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Comments: Prohibiting fixed anchors on public lands creates safety issues for those that wish to explore through climbing. Though climbing is inherently dangerous, it is foolhardy to make it more so by restricting fixed anchor placement and maintenance, especially considering these endeavors are undertaken by the climbing community. Fixed anchors have been allowed, managed, and authorized for decades, and it is unreasonable to restrict them now, as climbing grows in popularity. Just because there is not access to effective safety equipment does not mean that people will stop climbing, only that it will become that much more dangerous to do so. Instead of prohibiting the use of fixed anchors, focus should be shifted towards emphasizing safety and education in climbing spaces.