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Comments: Climbing and exploration in the mountains is as old as hiking and horseback riding. This should continue to be a protected form of recreation in our public lands. Fixed anchors are a necessity for safe travel in the mountains and without them climbing is no longer safe or viable in most places. By banning and or regulating all anchors you place a wedge between the most common user in many places (climbers) and the men and women forced to regulate those areas (rangers). Both of these groups would rather work together to manage and protect our public lands. It seems that the current method of local parks doing localized evaluations of the impacts of climbing on wildlife and instituting limited and strategic bans is a far more effective and meaningful than a blanket ban. A blanket ban has no place in history and if instituted will waste time and money, cause injury to those traveling in the mountains, and sour valuable relationships in its implementation. Please don't blanket ban fixed hardware. Abel Jones