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Comments: I've been safely climbing for 15 years in parks around the country. The only reason that has been a safe activity is due to the anchor placement and maintenance by committed volunteers. These volunteers donate their own time and purchase equipment to ensure safe climbing conditions. Maintaining these routes would be a financial burden the parks aren't funded for, resulting in unsafe conditions as anchors age and need replacement. Removing anchors would lead to even more trouble with climbers then forced to rappel off of natural anchors. This increases environmental impact and reduces safety.

Key points:

Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues

Prohibiting fixed anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas

Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy