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Comments: I'd like to leave a comment about this issue. Rock climbing has taken place since before the Wilderness Act of the 1960s and involved the installation of anchors (installations) before and since the wilderness act. Climbing has been recognized as a valid activity and recreational activity and in order to do so safely sometimes requires the use of fixed protection such as bolts and anchors which sometimes can also be bolts or similar slings around a tree, etc. climbers have proven to be a responsible user group. I cite the "Yosemite Face Lift" in Yosemite National Park every year. This is a climber led and organized initiative which helps to remove trash and debris from El Capitan, quite the prominent landmark and a crown jewel of the national park system. We as climbers ask you to reconsider this proposed legislation as it could potentially be used to limit climbing in wilderness areas in an unsustainable manner.