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Comments: I'm writing to voice my opposition to any type of blanket ban of fixed climbing anchors in the National Parks or Forest Service lands. Climbers being able to place and maintain fixed anchors is critical for safety and enjoyment of this recreational activity. Banning anchors will wildly increase impact in certain areas with specific rock types, create a SAR nightmare in all places, will be functionally impossible to enforce and will exclude a huge huge portion of the climbing public who are already disadvantaged due to the much greater expense of traditional climbing equipment. These users who will be excluded with this kind of gatekeeping policy are already many times under represented in climbing and outdoor recreation in general.