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Comments: I don't see how banning all fixed anchors or hardware would be enforceable, especially in a wilderness area. I worked in Yosemite Valley for years, and when they began a permit only big-wall system it was hard to get a grasp on the numbers of those actually sleeping on the wall because there was no way to enforce this new rule. This seems similar in the way that - who is hiking out to wilderness areas and checking for fixed anchors - who is doing the intricate and manual labor of [finding and] removing current fixed anchors - and most importantly who is paying for all of this? Climbers have done a pretty good job self-regulating up until this point, minus a couple incidents that I would consider exceptions. It's best to keep those who know most about the safety, the hardware, and the sport in charge of whether fixed anchors are necessary and where they go. I think having a climber's run coalition where bolts and hardware are limited or only used if necessary in wilderness is the best and most realistic idea.