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Comments: I always had this innate awe and respect for the wilderness. My veneration only grew when I began climbing and exploring the less explored areas. Now days it's very difficult to get away from the crowds where one can begin to see the sheer power of nature, but climbing provides such an experience. While living in a culture of go, go, go, my brain NEVER shuts down, the tension throughout my body never releases, and the constant "plug in" to the stressors or obligations never ceases. I have lived my life in this manner because nothing provided an escape. Climbing outside and standing on a ledge overlooking a natural area mostly free from man made structures finally provided the peace and healing I had been searching for. I have given countless people their own experiences in a safe manner due to the "fixed" gear necessary. The number of lives and perspectives regarding how a wilderness area should exist is dependent on not only people like us sharing these experiences, but being able to do so as safe as possible. We love the excitement and adventure of climbing the long secluded routes typically only found in wilderness areas, but we also value our lives and appreciate when hazards are mitigated. It's a horrible feeling when you complete a technical climb only to be met with a sketchy rappel from overused dying trees or rusty ancient "anchors". I can't say it would stop us, but it would make it a lot more dangerous and that's not why we are there. Please keep our climbing safe.