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Comments: Climbing as a sport is the biggest factor that influenced my decision to continue pursuing my bachelor's degree. I was considering dropping out of school but the reason I stayed was because of the access to rock climbing in Fort Collins and Rocky Mountain National park. I fell in love with the sport and now am trying to make a career out of it, but without the access to bolted anchors and routes, I would never have been able to get into rock climbing. Traditional climbing was too dangerous for my when i was beginning so I had to rely on fixed anchors. I credit my education and perseverance through school to rock climbing and seeing limits being placed on a sustainable wilderness activity is heartbreaking.