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Comments: While wilderness protection is undoubtedly important, the protection of the thriving climbing community should also be protected including their safety on classic climbs. I believe there is space to protect both by having fixed anchors which decrease the risks of death and serious injury for climbers, but also being careful of where they are placed to have the least possible impact on the environment. Climbers have always been big advocates for the environment. We love the rocks we climb and want to protect the environment around them. Getting rid of fixed anchors would irreparably damage the climbing community, which may in turn lead to less care for the environment as climbers are a big group that is passionate about conservation. Fixed anchors are essential to climbing in these areas, and getting rid of them would erase the history of beautiful climbs and a different way of enjoying the outdoors.