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Comments: The banning of fixed anchors in national parks and recreation areas will deeply harm the climbing community as well as put people in danger. Bolts are an essential part of climbing and make it an accessible and safe hobby. Bolts have been allowed in the past and have opened up exploration in these public lands of many years. This ban will hold nothing but negative effects on both safety and the full usage of public lands. Bolting can be a very safe and un-impactful process if done right, which poses no negative environmental affects. Safe bolting is a key part of climbing, and this bill will take that away. Please do not go through with this bill. Thank you