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Comments: The outright banning of fixed anchors is a terrible idea. I am completely opposed to a one size fits all policy. These decisions should be left to the individual parks and weighed on a case by case basis. One you remove the bolts and anchors, people will have a much tougher time safely climbing existing routes. And once climbers gets into trouble, falls, or hurt themselves, you will also be jeopardizing the safety of the search and rescue personnel who go to save them.

I understand the need to balance preservation of wilderness areas with the need for people to safely recreate in them. However, you will achieve neither of these goals if you do a one size fits all policy. The more you decentralize these decisions to the individual parks and individual areas, the more likely you are to best serve the interest of nature as well as recreational it's.