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Comments: Please prohibit climbing anchors in our public lands, it is a wonderful idea to protect the pristine beauty of our parks. The idea that it is a matter of safety is absurd and selfish. Why not mandate four lane divided highways through all wilderness areas? That would promote safety as well, but at what costs? Similarly in a less extreme manner, anchors deface unspoiled rock. If climbers seek to limit risks, they should consider finding more safe activities as we all do.

Fifteen or so years ago I was horrified to see hardware imbedded in Cap Rock at Joshua Tree National Park, and asked why such obscenities were not prohibited. These proposed restrictions finally address this problem and it is satisfying to see them put forth. They need to be implemented.

I was first made aware of this issue via an email from Black Diamond, a company that sells climbing gear. It is easy to see how corporations would oppose anchor restrictions, like oil companies oppose drilling restrictions on public lands. Please side with the actual public lands and those who enjoy them, and not selfish recreationalists and greedy companies who just want to sell equipment. It is unfathomable that supposed outdoor enthusiasts cloak their swinish self interest in "safety". Enough! Please implement anchor restrictions.