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Comments: I support the prohibition of fixed climbing anchors in the wilderness. I support climbing activities. However, as a backpacker, I'm expected to adhere to "leave no trace" principles when hiking and camping in the woods. Why do climbers get an exception? They claim safety. I can claim that creating rock cairns to mark trail routes is for safety, when in fact moving rocks can also be dangerous. It can disturb the soil and make the area more prone to erosion or cause it to collapse. Anchors left behind long after the climber is gone are not consistent with wilderness preservation.