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Comments: The proposed fixed anchor ban would be detrimental to wilderness areas. There are multiple reasons why fixed anchors are necessary for climbing, but one example is the benefit of fixed anchors at the top of a climb for rappelling. There are three options to get down from a climb:

Top out and hike off

Leave gear such as a sling around a tree

Rappel from fixed anchors

Often there are sensitive habitats at cliff tops that can be impacted by excessive foot traffic, so topping out should be avoided.

Leaving slings around a tree results in a form of temporary fixed gear that is dangerous, unreliable, and can damage the tree

The most environmentally friendly solution is generally to rappel from fixed anchors, eliminating the impacts incurred by the other options.