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Comments: Ships need compasses to sustainably navigate the seas.

Cars need roads to effectively travel and mitigate impact.

Bikers need paths. Hikers need boots.

And - climbers need fixed anchors to sustainably and efficiently navigate vertical terrain, especially in wilderness areas where outside rescue is rarely an option.

Our greatest parks have often been defined by the first ascents of their iconic monoliths. The Grand Teton, Half Dome, El Capitan, Longs Peak, The Great White Throne - all of these classic American Icons were made famous by their first ascents, and all of them today utilize fixed anchors for safe, efficient travel with minimal impact. Whether for downward escape or safe upward progress, fixed anchors the size of a car key are often the way vertical explorers safely and sanely survive. In the US, we have a legacy of exploration - and in climbing, this often means utilizing responsible hardware often unseen and unknown by anyone other than those using them.

We are asking for our cherished Wilderness areas to not be a free-for-all, but for there to be an understanding that our legacy as explorers and accepted (and welcome) users of public lands should stay in tact. An understanding that climbing means responsible and self-managed minimal hardware. Please help us protect America's Rock Climbing legacy.