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Comments: Fixed anchors and bolts are integral to climber safety and responsible use of national lands for climbing recreation. Climbers have long been stewards of public lands to promote the protection of delicate areas, raise awareness/funds, and contribute to restorative trail work, clean-up of popular regions, and more. Climbers have long been responsible for maintaining fixed gear that respects the land's aesthetics while also pioneering new aspects of safety and working with local regulations. Banning fixed gear threatens the safety and maintenance of anchors that are currently present and will ultimately erase the long-established climbing history that has existed within the United States when these anchors are no longer maintained.