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Comments: Fixed bolt climbing should not be outlawed in United States wilderness areas as it serves as a vital avenue for outdoor enthusiasts to engage with and appreciate the natural landscapes. Climbing, with the use of fixed bolts, enables individuals to access remote and challenging terrains, fostering a deep connection between humans and the great outdoors. Prohibiting fixed bolt climbing would restrict the freedom of climbers to explore and experience the unique geological features that wilderness areas offer. Furthermore, responsible bolting practices can minimize environmental impact, ensuring that the ecological integrity of these pristine areas is maintained. The climbing community, often dedicated to conservation and environmental stewardship, can work collaboratively with land management agencies to establish guidelines that balance recreational pursuits with the preservation of natural habitats. By allowing fixed bolt climbing, the United States can encourage a sustainable and respectful relationship between adventurers and the wilderness, promoting both recreation and environmental conservation.