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Comments: I am very disappointed by this proposal and I implore this committee to not follow through with this policy. I have climbed across the US for the past decade - from Tennessee to Washington, Colorado, and Kentucky. Fixed anchors and bolt increase the safety of these climbing areas. Without such protection, there would be many more climbing related accidents that will not only cost climbers money but also will cost tax payers money to deploy search and rescue or other emergency services. Not all routes, or even specific points in routes are able to be safely protected by "traditional" removable gear. Furthermore, limiting climbs to "traditional" gear can further alienate access to many people as not all climbers have the monetary access to such gear. To provide a similar situation to another outdoor activity, this would be akin to limiting hunting to only black-powder rifles versus allowing for bow, rifle, shotgun, black-powder and other forms of hunting.