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Comments: I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed prohibition on fixed anchors for climbing. Fixed anchors are the most reliable, safe way to protect climbers on countless iconic routes in American national parks. Additionally, when anchors are removed, climbers will build their own anchors. In high-use areas, built anchors at the tops of climbs destroy cliffside vegetation. I have seen this firsthand in Connecticut, where permanent anchors and bolts are essentially banned. The tops of all popular climbing routes are barren, trees worn away and shrubs destroyed by thousands of climbers placing increasingly distant rope anchors on whatever tree or rock features they can find. Additionally, as I am sure many others have written, restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers.