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Comments: I'm a climber and engineer and I am concerned about that the proposed changes will make climbing less safe and less accessible to future generations of climbers. The sport of climbing is getting more popular every year, which means there will be more people looking for places to climb. If we add further restrictions to accessing and maintaining classic routes, then it will make the routes in the affected areas less safe and it will cause additional climbers and overcrowding in other climbing areas.

Climbers are the ones that know these routes and their protection best and are in the best position to maintain these routes in a way that is respectful of the land and environment.

Instead of prohibiting fixed gear, perhaps we could come up with some recommendations for how to maintain and place fixed gear in a way that is safe and works for all parties.

Please don't restrict access to or reduce the safety of climbing in the US.