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Comments: Here to oppose the proposed legislature concerning climbing anchors in America's wilderness areas. The climbing community has relied on safely established anchors and bolts to provide access to our beloved mountain spaces. Many of our climbers keep a vigilant eye on maintaining the natural state of the rock while developing rock climbs and also keeping in mind the aesthetic impact these bolts and anchors can have. The benefit of safe anchors and bolts in the mountains greatly outweighs any impact the hardware may be considered to have. The climbing and exploration of these wilderness areas is made exponentially safer with their use. Rescue missions, injury, death, all at the expense of the state because of the dangerous aspects of these outdoor activities is lessened by the ethical and proactive use and maintenance of these anchors and bolts. Removal of this hardware will be both unnecessarily costly and dangerous to the already short-staffed National Parks organization. This legislation is misled and needs to be rejected.