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Comments: I object to the signing of this project. Making the safety of climbing routes and the ability to replace faulty equipment a responsibility of parks employees is a TERRIBLE idea. There are currently no staff in the parks who have the time or funding to climb these routes to replace faulty fixed gear themselves or to even process the MRAs that people can submit. Ultimately what this decision will do is make climbing less accessible and significantly MORE DANGEROUS! Having worked at a well-staffed USFS office, I can say even they were stretched thin with how much work is required to keep the public lands safe and accessible. Putting this extra burden on park and forest staff and creating all this red tape for people to get unsafe fixed gear replaced means less accessibility to natural areas and risky climbing situations. Climbers have always been excellent stewards of the land. Let them continue to do so by not signing this bill into law.