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Comments: Passing the bolt prohibition is a reckless decision that will end an era of sustainable Wilderness climbing and vastly decrease the safety of climbers. Fixed anchors are crucial to the climber's safety system. It is one of the most reliable pieces (s) of equipment that repeatedly saves climbers' lives and prevents extreme injuries. The world's greatest climbing achievements were possible thanks to fixed anchors. It is irrational to think that climbers will stop climbing these routes. Instead, they will continue climbing on unsafe and risky gear that increases the safety risk. Climbing in complex vertical terrain requires the individual to be quick on their feet and make many in-the-moment decisions. Prohibiting fixed anchors would increase the risk associated with Wilderness exploration and force individuals to decide between saving their lives or following the law. Furthermore, prohibiting fixed anchors would go against current legislation that allows judicious use of fixed anchors and continues to protect the wilderness while still allowing sustainable and primitive climbing experiences. Fixed Anchors have additionally been maintained and authorized by federal agencies for decades, and therefore it is unreasonable and unsafe for them to prohibit them. Lastly, resctricting the establishment and maitenence of new routes on non-wilderness land is uneforcebale and will most certaintly create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Oppritunities for new and maintained anchors should be allowed to prevent confusion, with the exception of areas where climbing should be restricted to prevent cultural and natural reasources. When deciding on whether or not to pass the bolt prohibition, make sure to consider the thousands of lives that are at risk if safe and managed fixed anchors are no longer allowed.