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Comments: Fixed anchors are essential to keeping outdoor climbing safe and accessible and to continue to allow folks of all backgrounds and experience levels to access and enjoy wilderness areas. As a newer climber getting into the sport, fixed anchors not only provide essential safety when climbing outdoors, but they are also more accessible to folks who have less expertise or gear to be able to enjoy the sport and access this rich wilderness experience.

Prohibiting fixed anchors would not only create safety issues, but it would further gate keep this sport and wilderness areas from marginalized groups like people of color, folks with varying economic backgrounds, and women, who already face barriers to entering and being able to enjoy this sport and access wilderness areas.

Please uphold your duty of care ensure that our wilderness areas can be safely enjoyed by all.