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Comments: As a guide, I ask that our leaders consider the negative ramifications of requiring pre approval of climbing anchors in an activity that requires problem solving in a complex environment and teamwork on small and large scales. As guides we care for our clients as well as the public in our service to others. We help to manage risk with a highly developed expertise in terrain and anchor placement and materials. It is deeply rooted in the American spirit of wilderness to allow people to explore and make good decisions rooted in their experiences and the safety of their teams. Requiring government to pre-approve a standard practice in climbing would be an alarming, dangerous, and ironic precedent to set in a nation supposedly founded on personal freedom.