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Comments: Prohibiting fixed anchors could be dangerous for climbers as the removal and maintenance of climbing routes will be confusing especially if not uniformly enforced. With there being no additional funding for these changes, the enforcement of these measures would likely be unreliable and additionally taxing on USFS and NPS staff. If mountain rescuers are unable to use fixed gear, that makes certain rescue missions much more dangerous than if they were able to use existing and maintained gear. Climbing has a rich history in the United States and I believe we can work to protect the sport's existence and safety in wilderness areas while also protecting the lands.