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Comments: Putting in additional regulations that restrict a party's ability to replace anchors and fixed climbing gear will very likely result in more injuries to rock climbers. By the time a climber notices dangerous, worn, and failing fixed gear that is in need of replacement, especially if that gear is an anchor on the top of a climb, it will likely be too late to turn around without leaving additional gear. This represents a significant risk to newer climbers, climbers that do not regularly check communications channels, and potentially even more experienced climbers on routes where fixed gear is the only viable option for anchoring. I support protecting our wilderness and preserving nature for future generations to enjoy, but this proposal will either hurt, injure, or kill climbers or turn those trying to protect others into criminals.