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Comments: As this country actively turns away from screen time, opting for outdoor spaces, more people will wander to wilderness areas. As the sport of rock climbing grows, the amount of persons entering wilderness areas around the country will (and has) increased. Prohibiting fixed anchors and bolts and refusing the replacement of old or broken gear will result in safety issues for climbers, both new climbers and seasoned climbers. National wilderness have been created to support the exploration of our natural outdoors spaces. Prohibiting bolting and gear placement will hinder this sense of exploration for future generations. To change the guidelines and policies that has been long standing in this country is unreasonable.