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Comments: Please do not ban installing new fixed gear! It is critical to the safety and success of climbers as they recreate and it is minimally damaging when installed properly. This will help prevent deaths and injuries in remote areas where rescues are challenging and costly to organizations and the rescue teams themselves. Climbers routinely interact with locals to determine whether or not to install fixed gear and while not a perfect management system, it leads to primarily well-bolted climbs that most are satisfied with while also protecting culturally significant regions. Please do not move to ban further installations.

Aside from the points above, recreation in wilderness brings a huge economic boon to many remote areas. By limiting climbing access, this will harm the developement and support of these areas as climbers are a non-negligible portion of visitors to these places.