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Comments: I do not support the ban of so-called "fixed anchors" because it is far more sweeping than its name implies. It applies to many devices (even slung trees) that are essential to descending safely, as well as for bailing off of a climb when things go wrong. Getting rid of them does not create a "raw" experience; it creates a massive safety hazard for newcomers to a rapidly growing sport. There are popular climbing areas (e.g. around Bishop, CA) that I barely visit anymore because they are so crowded and many climbers have poor etiquette. I think working to reduce human impact in those areas is a more useful objective than creating a greater element of risk in more remote areas.