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Comments: I think the prohibition of installing or maintaining fixed gear on rock faces is pretty lame. Climbers tend to create less of an impact that the overflow of foot traffic from hikers. Climbers do their best to minimize impact and are typically more experienced and fluent in the practices of leaving no trace. Not allowing for the installment and maintenance of fixed gear will create more risk for those who continue to climb on old equipment that will remain installed regardless of the prohibition. I also believe this prohibition will funnel traffic of former climbers into other areas of national parks, creating more of an impact overall.