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Comments: Banning permanent anchors in wilderness areas will expose climbers to unnecessary levels of risk, will cause an increase in the number of tattered pieces of webbing and slings to be left on climbs. Bolts can be placed safely with the use of hand tools, so the use of machines should not be considered a reason to ban permanent anchors. Anchors like trails are an unfortunate impact that humans have on the spaces they recreate in. A bolt hole is a minimally impactful way to make climbing safer when compared to the use of pitons which can Crack larger pieces of rock around the piton.