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Comments: I'm writing to urge you to reconsider this initiative. Fixed anchors are essential to safety when climbing in the mountains, parks or any other approved rock climbing area. Current climbing policies allow for these fixed anchors and bolts and I personally would not feel comfortable climbing in many areas without the safety that these provide. Safety is the most important thing when recreating outside in any form. Forcing anchor removal would be detrimental to the safety of a large community of outdoor enthusiasts and environmental activists. There are other ways to monitor the condition of, replacement of and general maintenance of these anchors that continues to allow for their safe usage and protects the natural areas where these exist. Prohibiting fixed anchors will threaten America's rich climbing legacy and could erase some of the world's greatest climbing achievements. Climbing management policy needs to protect existing routes from removal.