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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential piece of safety equipment for climbing and have been allowed for decades. Climbing in America is a growing sport that allows so many people to experience the freedom, the calm and the challenge of nature. Climbing isn't going to disappear and stripping fixed anchors from the safety system creates unnecessary risk that is highly reduced when fixed anchors are present. It doesn't make sense for federal agencies to suddenly prohibit fixed anchors when they have allowed, managed and authorized them for decades. This prohibition threatens the climbing legacy of the U.S. which has a long and rich history detailing many facets of the birth of climbing and hosts many areas that are world renowned for their quality. So many communities around the country find peace and happiness in the sport of climbing and a bolt prohibition threatens the joy and safety of all of them as well as the joy and safety of generations of climbers to come.