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Comments: Banning fixed anchors and fixed equipment in National Parks and Wilderness areas will be very detrimental to climbing and recreating in these places that often hold significance in climbing history. By banning fixed anchors and equipment climbers will no longer be able to upgrade dangerous protection or leave protection (sparingly of course because no one wants to leave gear behind) putting climbers at an increased risk of injury or death. Climbers have and continue to play a big role in conservation advocacy because we often spend significant amounts of time in these places and love them dearly.