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Comments: I have been climbing for about 5 years and in that time, I have spent more time in our National Parks and Forests, because of Climbing. And, in that time, all the climbers that I have met in my outdoor adventures have a sincere appreciation for the wilderness areas. They help with trail maintenance, pick up litter, and respect their environment.

Climbing has increased my love of the outdoors - without question. I am semi-retired and I climb outside at least once every week, and sometimes 2 or 3 times per week. I rely on the anchors that are set in the established crags for my safety and my climbing partner's safety. It is difficult to understand the logic of removing these innocuous safety implements when so many people rely on them - with their life! If the anchors were removed, it would be a serious misstep in practicality and reason. Climbing should be a safe activity/sport and altering and/or eliminating the anchor setting system would surely be problematic.

People who love to climb love adventures. Each new route set is a new adventure and should be enabled unless it has been scientifically researched and determined that a new climbing route would compromise cultural or natural resources. New climbing routes encourage the exploration of our great country and enhance the upkeep of the land through outdoor loving enthusiasts, such as climbers.