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Comments: It is my point of view that the benefit of fixed anchors far outweigh the downsides. People are going to climb in wilderness areas, with or without fixed anchors. Prohibiting them will result in greater risk for climbers and mountaineers. They are necessary for descending or retreating, and their continued maintenance is essential to our safety. Bolts and fixed anchors reduce the need for additional gear (trash) to be left behind in order to safely decend. The removal preexisting anchors will demand resources and destroy historical mountaineering routes that have taken passion, resources, and great effort to establish. These routes foster love, stewardship, and consideration for the future of our great American wilderness areas. As a member of the climbing and outdoor community, I implore you all to reconsider the prohibition of fixed anchors in our wilderness, for the sake of safety and American history.