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Comments: As another voice of someone who frequently relies on fixed anchors and bolts for my personal safety, I would advise the consideration that restricting the implementation of fixed hardware will make climbing significantly more dangerous. Doing so will encourage climbers to pursue less safe options and make replacing existing hardware much more difficult, leading to unsafe use of equipment that is prone to breaking. If the NPS truly cared about climber safety, they would engage with local climbing stewards and subsidize the expenses of replacing and placing new climbing hardware.

Furthermore, outdoor climbers are a group of individuals that will continue to climb no matter what. Change in policy will not affect usage of outdoor routes. Let's make routes safer by encouraging proper bolting and supporting local climbing stewards.