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Comments: While the preservation of natural landscapes is essential to the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of our nation, the restriction of fixed anchors and fixed climbing equipment in national parks and wilderness areas will only create challenges to the state of our nation's environmental, social, and economic spheres. The foremost important thing to consider is that the sport of climbing is inherently dangerous, and has been made much safer with the development of permanent anchors and equipment. It is unlikely that climbers will stop climbing due to the reduced safety, instead they will depend on traditional climbing equipment for protection. The increased rate of climbers using trad gear will likely result in a greater number of climbing related accidents. These accidents will place an economic burden on local communities, the NPS, and USFS. In addition to this, climbing is sport that encourages individuals to experience the outdoors and harbors a community that prioritizes the protection of our nation's wilderness areas. The consequences of placing restrictions on this group of activists and athletes is a great social expense. The cultural benefits of safe climbing routes are worthy of protection. Furthermore, even if fixed anchors were banned, the removal and prohibition of these safety devices would be a logistical nightmare. It would be an expense for the NPS and USFS that could otherwise be spent on forestry, ecology, and other conservation methods in our wilderness areas.