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Comments: To whom it may concern,

While I appreciate the strive towards more sustainable and low-impact climbing regulations, I truly believe- at least here in the Pacific Northwest- that restrictions on bolting fixed anchors or protection would not only stifle the growth of the climbing community but prove to be dangerous as bolts are the most reliable climbing protection to use.

I feel that most route-setters/bolters, climbers, and mountaineers are well-educated on and practice Leave No Trace principles and understand the effects they have on the environment. There are few recorded cases of times where bolts are placed illegally or in unnecessary abundance.

I believe that the impact climbing has on the wilderness is low, and the areas that are most at risk such as Peregrine Falcon nesting sites, are well posted and most all climbers respect the restrictions at these sites.

I would like to see continued laissez-faire operational guidance from the Forest Service in regard to climbing protection and bolt-placing regulation.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

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