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Comments: I support an attempt to make sure that anchors meet minimum standards and are installed in as minimally invasive a manner as possible. However, it is obvious that the department is underfunded and understaffed, so it is unrealistic to expect any real audit of all currently existing hardware. It is important for the future of the sport of climbing and as an attraction to future generations to explore our great parks that they remain in place unless notably hazardous. Seeing bolts in unexpected places can incentivize people to return to parks to explore new sections of it. In order to protect bolts from being removed unnecessarily, I think it would be important to decentralize the decision-making process and make sure there is input from local and regional climbers, first responders, the public, and park officials.