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Comments: I am a longtime climber. I live near the Tahoe National Forest and climb frequently on public lands throughout California. I object to this proposal and I don't think it is necessary. All it will do is increase the burden on people who put up new sport climbing routes, which is already thankless work that is only done for the love of the sport. Bolts and hangers do not make an eyesore and in fact they are barely visible and often it's hard to even find them. Bolts and hangers do not disturb wildlife. Bolts and hangers do not disturb the ecosystem or the environment. Bolts and hangers do not negatively impact anyone's enjoyment of public lands. Climbers are some of the most responsible users of public lands anywhere. The forestry service would do better to focus instead on the droves of out-of-towners who are not climbers and who come to drink and party in the river pools, leave trash, leave human waste, and contaminate the watershed.