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Comments: While I understand we have many aging anchor systems etc that need review and replacement, how on earth are we going to fund this project? If not enough money then shortcuts will be made or review may be postponed, leaving FS liable for not reviewing the existing anchor and identifying its safety. Also, search and rescue regularly use these anchors to access remote locations and provide important emergency services. Maybe rather than a national proposal, we start with a localized approach with clear objectives and target high problem areas. Rolling out something so huge on a strained economic budget is irresponsible and puts safety at risk as labor hours are limited and this means staff are not doing something else. Let's do a pilot program and see how it goes. Also, the biggest fear comes from a possible over jealous actor deeming many classics no longer valid and removing them. Address this concern! You can add language that will reduce fears around this type of hostile takeover of climbing community. Valley auprising provides great examples of the difference of when FS and climbers are united vs when they are at odds. How do you want to manage this relationship going forward. We desperately need good stewards of our outdoors for examples to future generations. Climbers are pretty large followers on Leave No Trace ethics in my experience.