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Comments: As climbers, we have long self-regulated, making sure that our impact is as minimal as possible. Oftentimes, this means allowing climbs to be traditionally protected if possible, or respecting historic hardware installations and not adding new ones. This has worked quite well, given that there is no real oversight other than passionate community members. Forcing people to go through bureaucratic hoops in order to replace existing hardware, or update old hardware, is not in the best interests of anyone. Old hardware can be a serious safety issue, and historically, climbers who noted such a thing would inform local route developers who would fix it promptly, oftentimes out of their own budgets. This is a fast turnaround, and allows the community itself to be accountable for their own safety. Making people wait for a legal process to go through an agency which is notoriously underfunded (thanks to certain ex-presidents) only opens the door for more risk. Please continue to allow climbers to update hardware.