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Comments: Hello,

My name is Nick Gibson, I've been climbing in Colorado and RMNP since 2011.

Please reconsider legislation that adds barriers to placement of safe anchor and rappel bolts. If you make it harder to add safe anchors, here is what will happen: climbers will still climb all the same routes, but instead of using bolted anchor and rapp points, they will fix old traditional gear in cracks and rappel or anchor off of those. If those jury-rigged rapp anchors fail, people will die. Then the unnecessary additional layers of legislation will be blamed. Sure, it's still the climber's responsibility to insure their own personal safety, but in this litigious society their family members will want answers.

In addition, the aesthetic issue of fixed anchors is essentially a moot point because they are far too high off the ground for anyone but climbers to see. If the aesthetic issue is of importance, you could always require the bolts and chains be painted flat brown or gray.

Climbers are going to climb, regardless of bolts or no bolts. Climbers are often radically obsessed young men and women... trust me. The absence of bolts will not stop them. That said, they'd be safer with bolts... especially at rappelling stations.

Thank you for taking the time,

- Nick Gibson