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Comments: Hi,

As a recreational climber, I would like to voice my concerns regarding the proposal to potentially restrict/force explicit authorization of climbing anchors and protection. Fixed anchors are essential to enabling the safe practice of the sport as it exists today and limiting their placements would pose both a safety concern as well as jeopardizing the experience of climbing many of the country's classic routes (which almost universally rely on fixed anchors for at least the descent, if not to protect a good deal of the climbing). I believe these changes, as they are proposed today, could be extremely damaging to the practice of the sport of climbing in this country. Decisions regarding the placement of fixed anchors are best left in the hands of climbers, who, having established or climbed a particular route, have the most context into their necessity.