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Comments: Hello, my name is Jake Dickerson and I am one of the owners of Wild Iris Mountain Sports, a small independently owned outdoor equipment store in Lander, WY. Outdoor recreation is paramount to our ability to employ members in our community and help Wyoming's economy in a sustainable way. I can attest that our customers and employees venture out in the wilderness to explore and climb. The current wording in this new legislation would have an extremely negative impact on our business, and activity of rock climbing. I am not against regulation, and I believe the wording can be changed to make it better for climbers and land managers.

Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" is extremely limiting and this wording should be removed entirely.

Rock climbing bolts are tiny and unobservable from the ground and are paramount for climbers safety. They do not have anywhere even remotely close to an impact as another "installation" like a bridge.

Bolts in climbing have been in use for over 60 years and do not degrade the character or natural beauty of an area, and the wonderful thing about climbing is that bolts are maintained by the user group.

Bolts are paramount to the safety of the climber, especially on the descent. If bolts are made "illegal" the ones in place will eventually fail which will lead to more injuries and deaths in the backcountry. They are extremely important, and only used when there is no other option. Please do not make fixed anchors "prohibited installations".

Sincerely,

Jacob Dickerson