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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential part of the climbers safety system and sometimes necessary in given terrain that does not lend itself to using traditional gear only. This is especially important in circumstances when one must descend a route. Not allowing new bolts to equip a route for safe and reasonable descent or to replace existing worn bolts is a serious safety concern and poses unnecessary risks. People will be hurt or killed due to the unnecessary risk a climber would undertake to climb or descend a route without adequate protection. Sometimes the decision to leave a bolt is due to the exploratory nature of climbing and having this option to protect oneself about for adventure and exploration of new wilderness.

Climbers as a whole are low impact and adhere to a strict ethic, especially in wilderness areas, to not over bolt or place bolts where traditional gear can be used instead. "Over bolted face climbs" are rare and do represent the ethic of the greater wilderness climbing community. Bolts are generally only placed only as a last resort for safety. When it comes to recreation in wilderness areas, climbing is one of the lowest impact forms of recreation. Often we use existing trails to access climbs and peaks, do not contribute to noise pollution (as only hand drilling is allowed in wilderness areas), and bolts are not visible to hikers. Climbers are sensitive to indigenous and holy areas. The climbing community takes it upon itself to maintain these anchors and routes and pose no financial burden to USFS resources. Given the proposed extensive review process, climbers may replace bolts illegally and haphazardly.

USFS resources would be poorly spent on more rescue operations due to accidents caused by unsafe bolts or not allowing for a bolt to be placed when necessary to climb or descend a route in the moment. Climbers will continue to climb and should be able to continue recreating in places that have allowed it in this manner for decades.