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Comments: I am deeply concerned about the USFS proposal to prohibit fixed anchors/ bolts on climbing routes. I am not a climber, but my husband is. My son is. And most of my friends and their children are.

Climbers will find a way to climb against all odds and despite any effort to stop them, and more than anything, I want each and every one of them to come home at the end of the day.

Prohibiting anchors will make an inherently dangerous sport much more dangerous. Getting back down from a climb will be harder, take more gear, and be much more subject to human error. Old anchors and bolts need to be replaced from time to time and prohibiting the retro-bolting of existing routes will result in climbers finding themselves on routes that are not properly maintained and therefore unsafe, which is a terrible thing to discover when a climber is already off the ground.

There will always be wilderness climbing and the best thing for the climbing community is for them to be able to establish and maintain their bolts and anchors on public lands as they have done for the past 60 years.

I am unclear as to why the USFS has undertaken this proposal, but there are certainly better ways to achieve any goals than putting obstacles in the way of safety.