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Comments: This new policy appears to be attempting to fix a problem that does not exist. Local non-profit coalitions spend donated funds in order to appropriately maintain climbing installation, including fixed anchors. These installations need to be regulated and maintained by the people using them in their local area, not by federal regulation. If something needs fixed, a climbing coalition can be notified and maintenance can be completed quickly. The local community can be informed (also by coalition outreach) of the work being done to preserve safety. (This is one of the things I volunteer to do in my hometown!)

Adding government regulations to this process will slow it down and make it more expensive for the taxpayers. Installations, maintenance and public outreach is currently already being paid for by volunteers in non-profit organizations around the country.

Additional government regulations could actually cause more harm than good. If these processes that are already in place are removed/ disrupted/ banned, then the safety of climbers that use these places will be at risk. The rate that climbers assess and replace fixed anchors will be well beyond any government agency's abilities. Every climber that climbs on fixed gear knows how to assess fixed gear and where to go to inform others for needed maintenance.