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Comments: I have been rock climbing recreationally outdoors for roughly a decade now. Climbing is my primary hobby and means of enjoyment of the outdoors, and I am afraid that these new regulations may 1. cause safety issues such that climbing may become a true danger to climbers and 2. cause restrictions such that climbing will no longer be able to develop as a recreational activity.

Just last week I spent 2 days in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area enjoying the Colosseum climbing area. In those days I used roughly 9 fixed anchor sets and many bolts; and never had a second thought about safety concerns, as I personally know the installers of these bolts and anchors. Even with the developers I don't personally know, I read their forum conversations on Mountain Project to ensure that conversations are being had regarding fixed gear, safety considerations, and maintenance schedules. Often times the conversations go something like "I noticed these anchors are becoming rusty, or have loose bolts", which is promptly answered by another comment stating "I have changed out the questionable anchors for new ones that will be good for many years to come". This kind of prompt responsiveness and correction to community identified safety issues always makes me feel safer as a climber. Safety is the number one issue to me when considering a route.

Overall, I do hope that legislation is passed to help facilitate safety and growth in the outdoor climbing community, as there are definitely improvements that could be made. However, I believe the current proposed policies are counterproductive and conversations with the climbing community and forest service in cooperation need to be had to find more acceptable answers.