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Comments: Getting rid of the choice to add fixed gear for climbs would be detrimental to the future of this sport and the safety of the sport. As a climber of 15 years, I oppose this legislation and cannot see the value in letting each forest superintendent decide what is appropriate to bolt or when to replace anchors when majority of them are not climbers. It seems very unfair to place the future of sport climbing in the hands of people who quite frankly do not care about climbing. The sport of climbing is growing exponentially and as a result new gear and the replacement of old bolts and anchors are needed. Unfortunately in the Tetons where I reside, our national forest does not care much about our sport. It seems unfair that the forest district will be in charge of decisions for climbing when they know nothing about climbing. All climbers I know care about the land and take care to not make a great impact on the forest. In fact most people walking by sport climbers are excited and happy to see climbing up close and personal. Please leave the future of climbing in climbers hands.