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Comments: This bolt prohibition will do nothing but cause confusion at best and undue injuries at worst and inevitably so. Bolts are not just installation, they are a vital tool for ensuring safety for climbing. The main problems I see coming from this proposal are 1. This will use so many resources which will be expensive and time consuming to look into every bolt placed and remove anchors if necessary. This will be a project that might take decades to finish and that is only looking at the bolts and anchors that are already installed let alone all of the new routes that are soon to come as well as bolts that need to be replaced.

2. This will simply make life harder for people trying to follow the rules. Climbers historically do not care about pointless rules and laws if they don't make sense. Climbers in general are very responsible and understanding. The issue is that this proposed rule makes no sense because it's made by people that don't understand climbing.

3. The people proposing this new rule change simply don't know what they are talking about in this space. What we could instead do is delegate some climbers or members of the climbing community to be the head of decision making in this space related to climbing.

I have way more points to make opposing this bolt prohibition but I'm sure there are 1000s of these comments you all need to read and these are just a few points I think are important to consider.