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Comments: I am an active climber in Washington State and often climb on NFS lands. I am a firm believer in minimizing impact on wilderness and LNT. I feel strongly that fixed anchors and bolts are compatible with this stance. Bolts are practically invisible on the rock unless you are looking for them and dramatically increase the safety of those who want to move through this land. Rappelling is already one of the most dangerous parts of climbing, and unnecessarily making it more dangerous is unethical. I understand that climbers have a large, and sometimes negative, impact on these lands, but banning bolts is not a good solution. Publishing guidance on conscientious bolting is a great start, as well as educating newer climbers on basic LNT practices (something I believe the climbing community is already doing).