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Comments: The policies related to fixed anchors for rock climbing are problematic

Prohibiting new fixed anchors creates an eventual safety hazard- fixed anchors require maintenance over time. The climbing community has taken on the responsibility of keeping up with this and needs to be able to continue to do so for the safety of all users. Regular maintenance prevents catastrophic failures.

Were these new policies to result in an effort to remove existing fixed anchors, this would cause more immediate safety hazards. Expecting anchors where they have been removed is a dangerous situation if it's not discernible from the ground. Community reference materials such as guidebooks and online sites would take years to fully update, putting new and out of town climbers at risk at risk.

The community in Tucson has a very effective collaboration with the Coronado National Forest and has invested community resources in giving back- climbers participate in CNF sanctioned system trail maintenance, climbing area clean up and erosion control, graffiti removal, fixed anchor maintenance, and raptor monitoring. When people travel to visit our well known climbing areas, they often participate in these events and learn to become stewards of our forests and wilderness areas. A more effective approach than blanket-banning fixed anchors would be to work with the community to share concerns and come up with solutions.