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Comments: IF fixed anchors (including slings, etc) will be classified as installations and therefore require an

MRA, please consider the following:

The government doesn't propose to actually maintain or place fixed anchors, and these policies only add to the burden of volunteers who do a tremendous amount of work. The permitting process needs to be fast, open, and simple. There should be mandatory timelines, public access to decisions, and a simple permit application that allows for flexibility in the field

The government should be required to advertise publicly before removing any bolts, starting why the bolts are being removed, this is necessary for safety and accountability

Existing climbs should not be closed by the government due to safety concerns. The government has no objective way to evaluate the safety of fixed anchors and Wilderness climbing is inherently about constant risk assessment

As the act is written, it can be used to soft-ban climbing through lengthy approval processes that stall indefinitely due to lack of desire, funding, or staff. Stricter definitions and guardrails need to be written before this can be considered reasonable.