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Comments: The language of this draft can needlessly put climbers at risk. Removal of bolts from a particular route or feature may lead to events where individuals climbing into risky and dangerous positions that they did not plan to encounter nor have the appropriate equipment or skills to safely address.

Categorizing climbing anchors as installations and requiring that they utilize the MRA process seems like an expensive solution to a non-problem. Completion of these MRAs "As funding and resources allow" will surely result in large backlogs and delays that will inevitably result in an accident that is caused by a failed bolt which had a replacement request still sitting in the review queue.

The last point I will make is that climbing is a legitimate form of recreation that allows individuals to explore these wild places in a way that other activities do not, and climbing anchors are a necessary part of what enables climbers to return home safely at the end of the day.