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Comments: I vehemently oppose any restrictions on future anchor placement, and any restrictions on replacement of older bolts and hangers. From the perspective of someone who has the luxury and privilege to experience our wonderful natural parks and forest lands on the end of a rope, please enable this safety net to allow others like myself and future generations to experience these incredible spaces. It would be nothing short of reckless to enact strict restrictions or prohibitions of new or replaced anchors, as we are experiencing more new climbers at crags around the country, including in our national forests. The stress that personal will feel from people climbing on old equipment in unsafe ways will most likely cause more problems than stop any that might have been intended.

The climbing community as a whole is one of the best when it comes to land stewardship in my opinion. I'm a part of several outdoor pursuit communities including motorized and non-motorized methods of travel. Of all of these groups, I've never witnessed cleaner and more respected landscapes than I do where climbers dwell.

Please consider the long-term impacts that restricting an access point like an anchor will have on our robust community, who continue to inspire the masses to take environmentalism seriously. Thank you.

-Matt Smith