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Comments: To whom this concerns,

Prohibiting bolt installation and anchor maintenance will negatively impact the American climbing culture, communities, history, economy, and EMS agencies. The forest service already has a lot of land and projects to manage. Incorporating the maintenance of fixed anchors into the already long to do list for the forest service is going to prove to be too time consuming and cost prohibitive. Which will lead to anchors becoming unsafe and that can cause more search and rescues. Also if popular climbing areas aren't maintained climbers will stop traveling to those locations which means less money for the economy. Also less opportunities for wilderness experience will arise.

I hope that the forest service can still allow for anchor replacement and new anchor installation can continue because it's such a awesome freedom/privilege to experience. It has truly changed my life and gave me a purpose for living. I'm so grateful for all the access we have here in the USA. Thanks for listening.