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Comments: I am deeply concerned about the draft policies that would prohibit new fixed anchors. I've been climbing for over 10 years and have loved using climbing as a way to connect with wild spaces throughout the US. Some of my favorite memories are climbing in Yosemite, Rocky Mountain, and Joshua Tree, participating in a rich climbing legacy. These experiences should be preserved for future generations and fixed anchors should continue to be allowed.

One of my biggest concerns is the policy around the removal and replacement of fixed anchors. When I first started climbing, I climbed a lot in Castle Rock State Park in CA, and I had no idea that the bolts had not been replaced in years due to local policy. This was a real safety risk and did not prevent climbing, it just made it more dangerous. New climbers are often less connected to local climbing communities and are least likely to be aware of the local safety problems. Removing and significantly impeding the replacement of fixed anchors will create dangerous situations where climbers are caught unaware. Climbers and the local communities should continue to be responsible for maintaining the safety of these systems without additional red tape.