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Comments: As someone who spends a lot of time in NC, where fixed gear is often only minimally allowed, I am a firm believer in minimizing fixed gear in general, especially in most cherished and natural landscapes. That being said, I believe the minimal (versus none) is a necessity. If climbing is allowed in an area, Without fixed gear at time, climbing can become exceedingly dangerous and undoubtedly will lead to serious injuries and deaths, beyond what is acceptable. My minimizing fixed gear to only a necessity (ie on ground up accents and only when absolutely necessary, in other words no gear is available beyond safety to protect a fall) will keep traffic to areas to a minimum and will lead to mostly the more experienced folks only in those areas, resulting in general in folks who are better stewards to the land and shear decrease in general numbers versus areas that allow liberal bolting and other fixed gear. I highly recommend using the traditional rock climbing areas of North Carolina as an example to go by, which balances the occasional necessity of fixed gear while holding this practice to a minimum. Furthermore, measures can be taken to only place high quality bolts (which won't need replaces for long time) and camouflaging the bolts using approved methods to "blend in" the bolts with. Thank you for taking the time to read this and your efforts to protect the natural world, while honoring the safety of responsible climbers.

Examples of areas to consider as examples would be Looking Glass rock in Pisgah National Forest. All excellent example of only "ground up" minimal bolting accepted. The result is honoring the wilderness of an area while also maintaining an acceptable level of safety while minimizing crowds.