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Comments: It saddens me to see such drastic policy changes being suggested that would severely impact the history of climbing in our country and threaten the safety of outdoor climbing in the future. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of safety gear, and suddenly labelling all existing anchors as "prohibited installations" goes against 60 years of policies and practice. Additionally, land agencies are severely underfunded and understaffed, making the proposed plan of MRA requirements and proposed climbing management plans (CMPs) unsustainable in the long run. There would not be nearly enough funding or time to ensure every single anchor passes requirements without first bolstering staff and funding. All in all, existing anchors should not suddenly be labelled as prohibitive as they have been part of our history for 60 years. Additionally, If these changes are to be implemented, there must be critical planning and guidance regarding necessary resources to ensure new routes and anchors meet requirements in a timely and safe manner.