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Comments: I'm a retired rock climber and mountaineer and have used anchors on numberous back country/ wilderness climbs since the 1970s. The proposed restrictions on new rock anchors and replacement of old anchors will create unneeded additional dangers for climbers who are often on unfamiliar terrain and needing to use ropes for safety. This situation comes up often since the terrain is often unknown to the climber and weather or rock conditions can change and be different than anticipated. With respect to the restrictions on replacing anchors, please be aware that many original anchors are of substandard size and material. Plus they are prone to corrosion and freeze/thaw deterioration. To restrict replacement of poor anchors may force safety compromises that could be deadly.