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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to you to let you know my stance as a climber and wilderness user on these proposed policy change. These rules will create safety concerns for countless backcountry users as bolts help create standardized anchors for safe climbing. You can pour though the "Accidents in North America" publication and find countless events where wilderness anchors have failed causing death and Injury, when standardized bolts are not used for anchors. You can't put a bolt everywhere, but they make an immense difference in the safety of climbing.

Additionally, the bureaucratic burden that will be created because of oversight on any bolting, will overwhelm the parks service, ultimately ending in most climbings not listening to the parks service and bolting anyway. Will every bolt on El Cap need to be vetted ahead of time? Most of the time placing bolts we don't know where are going to put them ahead of time. Will a ranger come with me when I bolt every time? Is the parks service going to fund this accordingly? Animosity will grow between our climbing user group and the parks service, which does not help anyone involved.

I implore you to understand the gravity of this decision, and not institute these policy changes.