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Comments: Under this new ruling, climbing itself is not banned, but the new rules make it effectively impossible to maintain the existing routes. This act will ONLY endanger lives of climbers by hindering the ability of climbers to maintain the bolts / equipment necessary for safe climbing. Unless the government has plans to hire and maintain a group of experienced climbers to consistently and categorically replace all bolts across the US as they wear down, this will force climbers to either climb on dangerously worn gear or to illegally replace said equipment in order to ensure the safety of future climbers. This is WRONG.

Please consider amending the ruling to either exempt climbing anchors/gear, establish a straightforward and simple method for bolt repair, or discard this part of the ruling to ensure that the world class climbing capabilities in the US remain safe and available for everyone.