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Comments: Removing bolts is only going to put thousands lives at higher risk. First off most places already have a bolt policy in place. Several places are going with DON'T place a BOLT or SLING UNLESS it is LIFE or DEATH. Most places are you can replace old bolts but can't put a new bolt or sling in UNLESS IT IS LIFE OR DEATH. Many of our climbing and canyoning (canyoneering) community have gone through and explained and shown that if you must place a bolt or sling to do it in such a way our ropes don't leave markings to damage the natural rocks. Our community has also explained and shown that if you must leave a bolt or sling to put in it a place that can't be seen from above or below. I feel like there are already precautions in place in many of our national parks and forest service as well as blm already and the ones that haven't are already thinking and adapting to a system similar to what we have in place here.

By removing already existing bolts you can still see right where those bolts once were. Many old bolts that were placed in poor places are changed into a much less noticeable glue in or if the old holes are no longer usable and it is needed (those life or death situations) they get placed in a much less noticeable place. I feel like it community have really strict guidelines in place already and no need to farther continue on it. Instead make sure our community knows the rules and make sure they are ready for the challenge. All the classes and training I've been to have taught to use natural anchors and if they continue in the classes they will teach you the proper way to use and how to decide if it is truly necessary.