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Comments: Having safe, well maintained, and strategically placed fixed gear actually reduces impact.

Bolts and fixed rappel stations prevent resource degradation in fragile alpine environments.

Prohibiting fixed anchors encourages climbers to rappel off of trees and bushes.

Rappelling is the primary cause of death in climbing accidents. When climbers rappel, they rely on an anchor, and anchor failure during rappelling often results in death. Prohibiting

the maintenance of anchors or placing bolted anchors increases the risk of anchor failure. This would increase demand on already overworked volunteer Search and Rescue (SAR)

organizations and greatly increase the risk of severe or fatal climbing accidents. Restricting the replacement of existing bolts, or the addition of new bolts, would create even more demand on SAR.