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Comments: I have climbed hundreds of routes on Wilderness, NPS, FS and other public land with fixed anchors. I have placed 3 bolts in my 30 years of climbing. I have climbed in many US states and a couple dozen other countries. I have clipped thousands and appreciated the safety of them. As a freelance storyteller with heavy cameras I have relied often on fixed gear. I am also an AMGA guide as well and have brought many new people to the sport/lifestyle of technical climbing and to appreciate and advocate for intelligent engagement with undeveloped and wild areas.

I know firsthand that unchecked bolting is a plague, is damaging to habitat and wildlife, and also dangerous when improperly placed and unmaintained. In Wilderness I think new fixed anchors should be banned. On NPS land it's a tougher call. I think overall climbers need to be more pro-active individually so legal regulating is not the necessity of the NPS or other Federal agencies. It seems a Pandora's box of challenges are ignited by such regulation on NPS land. Education dollars vs regulation dollars...