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Comments: I feel that the climbing management plan needs to take into consideration the needs of the climbers who utilize these resources. We as a community have put our time and effort into these areas to help make them as popular as they are and to be accessible for everybody. If a bureaucratic process permanently alters the way we are able to conduct these actions, how can we be sure that any of our equipment is safe moving forward? The government agencies overseeing these areas already show that they are stretched thin, barely having the resources to maintain them at the level that they do now. Putting more responsibility and pressure on their shoulders would create backlogs in other areas and ensure that the anchors needing immediate assistance would not receive the attention they require in a timely manner. This would mean potentially dangerous situations for any climbers visiting the area. As we manage these areas on our own now, climbers are able to stay relatively safe and enjoy the routes that are already established with ease. The people who volunteer their time to maintain these areas do so because they want to. Not because of any government mandate. Please consider the impact you will be having on future generations with this management plan. If you feel that there is no other way, at least consider bringing in some climbers with knowledge of the areas to help facilitate these new regulations. If not, we may see a dramatic increase in injuries by climbers around the country.