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Comments: As a passionate climber, I believe the policies outlined to effectively ban fixed anchors are dangerous and unsustainable. Over the past 60 years, the use of fixed anchors has allowed for safe climbing with minimal erosive or aesthetic damage to rock surfaces. Prohibiting maintenance creates unsafe environments where loose bolts may go long periods without being replaced, leaving a longer window for serious injury to occur. An unsafe climbing environment will also drive away business from climbers, who make up over 10 Billion dollars in outdoor recreation revenue nationwide. Additionally, the presence of corroding or missing bolts may lead to faster erosion of rock faces. Please consider the impact your policies will have on the entire sport of rock climbing, on the revenue from climbing tourism you receive, and on the integrity of the rock surfaces you claim to be protecting.