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Comments: Bolted anchors are an essential part of not only the safety of the climbing community, but also accessibility for all members of the community. Other options for fall protection, such as traditional climbing gear or top rope setups, do exist. However these alternatives have massive disadvantages over bolted anchors.

Top rope setups require that the top of the climbing wall be accessible on foot, which would dramatically limit the number of areas that climbers have access to. This not only discourages visitation and recreation in parks and public lands, but could also create overcrowding at areas that do exist. Overcrowded crags could actually do more damage to the resource through increased pollution, litter, or excessive wear and stress on rock faces.

Traditional climbing gear is great because it allows for greater exploration of climbing areas with minimal damage to the resource, however it is a skill that takes a great deal of time to learn and is not as safe as bolted anchors.

This would limit access to only more skilled or experienced climbers, eventually shrinking the community.

Bolted areas allow for climbers of all levels of skill and experience to be able to enjoy climbing outside on real rock in the safest and most sustainable way. Bolted routes have been allowed in public lands for decades for this exact reason: it encourages the most people to get out and explore the outdoors because of its simplicity and safety.