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Comments: These "Climbing Management Plan" documents will greatly impact climbing safety and accessibility if they pass. I am a new climber from Boulder, Colorado where restrictions like those proposed in these plans are already in place. I started climbing in Tucson in August of 2022 and have watched my life transform since then. Climbing outside is my escape from reality and a breath of fresh air (literally). But most importantly, it has made me a more confident and self-assured person. I've found that climbing is less a sport of physical strength and more one of mental toughness. The thrill of it is unmatched, but thrill can't be experienced without fear. I still will be leading up a climb in my grade ability and feel my heart rate speed up, my legs start shaking, and my palms get sweaty. The fear of falling has unfortunately not left my system. But this fear makes clipping into those fixed anchors at the top feel even more rewarding. I would not get to experience this satisfaction and pride if fixed anchors were considered prohibited "installations". I can tell you right now I may be nervous lead climbing, but I'd be far more nervous doing it on a bolt that looks sketchy because it hasn't gone through the authorization process to be replaced yet. The same goes for the fixed anchors at the top. I won't be able to confidently rap off that anchor or have someone top rope on it if it isn't in good shape, and that anxiety is not what climbing is about. Climbing is inherently dangerous, but part of doing it well is doing everything possible to mitigate risks. Regulating permanent bolts or fixed anchors, potentially marking them for removal, and not allowing these items to be replaced if they become unsafe by competent members of the climbing community will increase risks, not mitigate them.