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Comments: Although new policy is sometimes necessary to preserve our beloved land, the climbing community has not breached this agreement. We have been using fixed anchors for safe climbing practice for decades now, in a responsible way that should be supported. We should not lose our privilege or connections to the land.

With this barrier, we will see an increased risk in preventable accidents, as we will be unable to maintain fixed anchors in established, and new routes. Climbers need to be able to decide in the moment what kind of protection is necessary for the safety of a given climb. Too much restriction and regulation could slow down processes of changing out bolts which could potentially lead to unnecessary risk for other climbers. It could also lead to climbers using less safe and potentially more damaging methods of protection, such as wrapping slings around trees and rocks, which could potentially harm the trees and cause dangerous rock fall. Bolts are a more permanent and less intrusive way to protect climbs that are otherwise unprotectable.

We are invested stewards, and place anchors so that we can enjoy our sport, and preserve the environment that we rely on. Prohibiting fixed anchors bars climbers from exploring the terrain we love, and continuing the legacy of American climbing, by classifying fixed anchors as "prohibited installations", we are damaging the community, history, and safety of our beloved sport.