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Comments: Hello, I am an outdoor enthusiast who works and recreates in National Forest Land. The bolt prohibition being proposed is of great concern to me because it endangers climbers and will cause confusion on what we can legally and safely use to protect ourselves when climbing. Climbing is considered a legitimate sport, and under previous legislation it ought to be a safe sport for all, and to make it safe we need anchors. I am not for creating overly bolted areas in the wilderness, but fixed anchors (usually two bolts every 200 ft) are essential to climber safety. Bolts should honestly be encouraged over webbing and cord as they last longer, are safer, and are almost impossible to see with the naked eye. The biggest concern I do have is for anchors that have already been placed as they are key aspects to a safe climb and removing them would cause more accidents. If we were required to submit applications for new bolting to keep it more organized and not let over bolting happen, then this is a proposal worth debating and would not harm current climbers on routes with anchors. As a long time EMT and guide, it is my responsibility to make my voice heard to keep this community safe when recreating and this proposal would put more lives in danger. Thank you for your time.