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Comments: I have recently got into outdoor sport climbing and it has been a great way to connect with my friends and loved ones. Defining fixed anchors as 'prohibited installations in the wilderness' and not allowing new bolts or maintaining bolts puts me and fellow climbers in danger. Bolts are a large part of our safety gear and without them, climbers will either have to stop participating in the sport they love or climb with reduced safety measures. Stopping maintenance of bolts will also put climbers in danger as people will continue to climb until the bolts or anchors fail - putting those on the routes at risk of a failure happening while climbing. There are ways to make climbing more sustainable without prohibiting bolts. More communication between the NPS/USFS and the climbing community needs to happen to allow for the land to be preserved without completely ending safe sport climbing.