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Comments: Moving forwards with the bolting prohibition is not only unenforceable and unreasonable, but also creates a safety concern. Fixed hardware is vital for climber's safety. Having established anchor points allows climbers to retreat to the ground if there is a weather hazard, injury, or other dangerous situation approaching. Without these, escaping would be significantly more time consuming. Making these resources available helps prevent rescues which would endanger the lives of SAR teams.

This prohibition will also reduce the area explored in national parks. Parks are intended as protected wilderness areas that allow people from all walks of life to get outside and enjoy the nature around them. This exploration would not be possible without fixed hardware.

Imposing limits on hardware or leaving knowledgeable organizations (such as the American Alpine Club) in charge of bolting would be a good way to monitor fixed hardware without prohibiting it completely.