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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I have been a climber for over twenty years and currently work on a rescue team for the Tahoe area that I serve in EMS & Fire. After hearing of draft policies to inhibit fixed anchors I thought about how dangerous that would make the wilderness climbing, skiing and recreational boating use experience. I know as a recreational user of the Tahoe area how dangerous these policies would make the for-mentioned activities but, how complex and difficult they would create to any rescue operation. The area would also suffer on an economical basis given that the main tourism allure of the area is to recreate in one of the most beautiful areas of our country. Please consider these opinions as the Tahoe area would not be the only area in the U.S that would be affected I.e: Yosemite, Eastern Sierra, Joshua Tree, Black Canyon of the Gunnison to name a few. I would stress that the work and pay it would take to remove thousands of bolts while crippling small towns of a large base of their economy is a hurtful waste of our tax payer money. Why create a damaging effect on these places while using the taxpayer money of these places to do so? Meanwhile creating an unnecessary higher risk to the rescuers of these areas carrying out missions to save the public.

I would hope this organization can focus on useful information and progress to fix the far bigger issues we have in these areas. Would you consider taking down the cables that go up the side of Half Dome? I really doubt it and yet somehow the smaller less noticeable bolts on the other side of that same dome are the problem.

Please consider these opinions and I appreciate you taking the time to do so.

Have a good day.