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Comments: I am an avid climber and voter, and believe the authorization of installations could have a detrimental effect on climbing and climbers. Climbers are inherently protectors of nature and wild places, because we do not want the areas that we use for our sport/activity to change. The climbing community is very good at regulating itself with mentorship and discussions of ethics. I believe a procedure for authorizing installation of a benign bolt to provide safe access for climbers would bottleneck any new exploration by climbers or bolt replacements to keep climbing safe. Climbing is an approved activity in the wilderness act and fixed anchors are required to make climbing safe.