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Comments: Considering that the use of NFS & NPS for climbing seemingly has drastically increased in the past decade, many of these considerations make sense, & I find very appropriate to manage the influx of uneducated climbers activities, especially in wilderness areas.

One addendum to these proposals would be for the NFS to designate approved climbing organizations to maintain current 'fixed' gear, as opposed to requiring a per climb/ per gear MRA approval that could be given to anyone, knowledgeable or not, to place, maintain or replace fixed gear.

All new placements should require MRAs, but I argue maintenance & replacement of current gear may reduce impact to the surroundings of regularly used (or even if sparsely used) climbing areas. Providing trails, sanitation, & direction to climbers to use these maintained climbing areas should reduce the impact of larger percentages of uneducated climbers looking for a climb, "of their own," as well as reduce any instances of hereto forth illegal (assuming these regulations pass into law) replacement of potentially removed fixed gear, as well as reducing the potential risks & liability from aging, worn, & unmaintained gear.