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Comments: Requiring climbers to go through a Minimum Requirements Analysis in order to install or replace climbing anchors or bolts will burden understaffed government and parks offices, and create hazards for climbers, and increase eyesores and litter in National Park and US Forest Service areas.

Fixed anchors are necessary for climbing safety. Climbers have the knowledge to know if they are necessary or not, and they have been historically self-regulating in terms of if they are worth installing. Requiring land managers to also manage that decision process places undue burden on them, to no benefit for climbers or the land.

The end result will be removed or degenerated anchors. Historical routes will be eliminated which will erase America's deep climbing legacy. Further, climbers may not know about the removals and their safety will be at risk. Finally, climbers will regress to leaving webbing slings tied around trees and rock horns, which are eyesores and degrade with time, creating more danger.