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Comments: I live and play on the north end of Atlanta. Northeast of Atlanta is Mount Yonah, a climbing area where the US Army has trained in the past. Throughout the years of training at Yonah, the military, and likely local climbers, have placed an unholy number of bolts at some crags. The sheer number and poor positioning of many of these bolts can detract from the natural experience at Mt Yonah. This is not something I want to happen to other crags throughout this country, BUT it is very important to note that Mt Yonah is the exception, not the rule.

Realistic and reasonable guidelines and requirements should be set regarding the placement of fixed anchors so rock climbers can enjoy climbing while also leaving a minimal impact on the surroundings.

However, the changes proposed that this comment references are NOT a reasonable or acceptable solution to overbolting. The requirements are narrow, overly-restrictive, and appear to have been created without consulting climbers or climbing groups, the very users who these proposed changes impact. These proposed changes should be reviewed and modified by a group of individuals consisting of both land managers and the users of the land that are being impacted by the changes.