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Comments: This policy will harm the safety of climbers, making it nearly impossible to change or replace old dangerous bolts. It also interferes with the safe development of a growing sport. Community collaboration has been shown to positively impact environmental outcomes, so instead of essentially making new bolted climbing illegal I encourage you to include climbers in conservation. Climbers will not stop putting up new routes, but it can be done safely and ethically, in collaboration with the Forest Service. I don't believe this ban will work, but I do think it will cause more unnecessary deaths.