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Comments: The ability to place bolts has been a long standing safety practice not only in the US but around the world. I can see where specific areas of cultural or historic significance should be placed off limits, just like they are for hiking and other activities. However, the blanket ban without prior approval is going too far. If the area is available for other uses such as hiking, taking away the ability to place bolts becomes a safety issue for climbing. I realize there is an approval process being proposed, but the process of establishing climbing routes is very exploratory so obtaining prior approval could be very difficult and lead to many misunderstandings. There are other options such as requiring bolts coated in colors closer resembling the rocks they are on. Most areas I have been to is hard to notice bolts unless you are looking for them.