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Comments: The way we as a climbing community respectfully and sustainably recreate in our public lands needs to be preserved. By changing the classification of fixed anchors to prohibited installations it would prevent the safe enjoyment and appreciation of our historical areas. This will also limit the next generations from having access to these areas in a way that fits them as individuals, and therefore lose interest in preservation. The first step to any sustainable, long term care plan is allowing the public to responsibly access an area and appreciate it. That is what truly leads to citizen support for conservation. By ostracizing an entire community that is already passionate about protecting and responsibly enjoying our natural resources, this "bolt prohibition" would be a step backwards in the effort to protect our lands.

This action would also prevent low-income climbers from having access to areas that may still be climbable without fixed anchors because of the inability to spend 15x the amount of money on non-fixed safety equipment.

Please do not impose new rules that take us backward in the fights for social equality, accessibility, and true environmental sustainability.