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Comments: One of the very best parts of being American is access to wilderness. That safe access is threatened by a ban on new fixed anchors. This ban would prevent many people from being able to explore and enjoy the outdoors by climbing. It would overtly threaten the well-being of climbers. It goes against over 50 years of ethical protected wilderness climbing.

Bolted anchors are unobtrusive and save lives. Boggling down the anchoring process in bureaucracy will not protect anyone or anything, and more than likely will lead to fewer routes being safe to climb.

There is a HUGE difference between a tightly-bolted sport climb and bolts for safe retreat from a wall. The bureaucratic process proposed is tantamount to a ban, and banning the creation of anchors carte blanche is an act of misinformed ignominy. Please, on behalf of climbers and outdoors enthusiasts everywhere, reconsider this directive.