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Comments: Dear USFS, I am against the proposed bill and wish that you would consider not writing it into law. This proposition for directives in climbing on USFS land will severely reduce the safety, aesthetics, and user experience of USFS lands. If bolts or other fixed anchors are considered illegal installations then climbers will be forced with more dangerous avenues of safely ascending and descending on these lands. Bolts are used as a primary anchoring system for climbers to create safe and low impact methods of ascent and decent. Without bolts or other fixed instillations as such climbers will be forced to resort to leaving gear to get down. This will lead to eye sores of nests of brightly colored nylon wrapped around trees, boulders, and the likes which slowly degrade into trash that liters the lands. Bolts are small, strong, and hard to see as well as offering decades of safe use before replacement where as other means will be needing replacement many times per year. I agree that management for climbing is needed, but cannot agree with the current wording. I beg you to rework at the minimum or not pass this dangerous proposition. Bolts save lives!