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Comments: I'm a climber and appreciate the intent and understand why land managers would want policies such as FSM 2355 Climbing Opportunities #ORMS-3524. Developing plans, assessing proposals, and coordinating with various stakeholders on bolt and anchor placement has upsides.

However, without specifying and/or providing adequate resources for implementing such policies, it's all too easy to foresee land managers falling back on a blanket "no bolting allowed" stance which could notably degrade climbing opportunities. Hiking trails in particular are already under-maintained, suggesting a lack of resources, so it's very difficult for me to see how the USFS can reasonably take on the work called out in the policy proposal.

In short, I vote "no" on the proposed policies as I think the odds are too high the good intentions of the policies will in practice create more problems for climbers and land managers than they solve during implementation.

Moving forward, I suggest the proposed policies be sent back for another round of edits where resources are called out and terms such as "timeliness" are defined (e.g. 30 days). In a resource-starved organization, I can see timeliness being reasonably interpreted as "years".

Finally, I think the following points are important to consider:

- Bolted anchors are much more safe and discreet than multiple pieces of webbing, rope, slings, etc. that are left behind and can become trash on the mountain.
- Bolt guns (i.e. a battery powered drill) take 30 seconds to drill a hole whereas a hammer and chisel can take an hour. For me, 30 seconds of noise is less impact than an hour so I support bolt gun use in wilderness areas.
- The installation of new bolts and replacement of existing ones leads to more climbing routes which helps disperse climbers thereby reducing concentrated impacts to the land while also promoting a more "wild" climbing experience.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.