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Comments: I'm writing to ask you to reconsider banning climbing bolts in the national forests. Climbing has a long history on the US national forests, and is a key feature for many who enjoy the outdoors. While I understand the need to regulate usage and ensure that these activities are being done safely, a blanket ban is both unsafe and extremely impactful. Removing bolts will be extremely labor intensive, and leaving existing bolts in place will soon cause safety issues as old bolts degrade and present unsafe anchor.

Requiring a Forest Supervisor to review each anchor placement across the hundreds of thousands of routes in the US national forests will be extremely labor intensive if not impossible, and will cause a major impediment to users safely engaging in the activity.