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Comments: The proposed plan would effectively end American climbing.

Replacing existing fixed equipment (bolts, rappel stations, etc) is critical to maintain the safety of routes, and keep the resource available to users.

Banning the installation of new fixed equipment without approval (bolts, rappel stations, etc) severely limits route developers to provide users with additional recreational resources on land that is rightfully theirs.

It is not logistically feasible for route developers to provide detailed planning of precisely each location a fixed anchor shall be placed prior to their ascent. Anyone who disputes this is woefully incompetent.

It is not financially feasible for land managers to employ "experts" to audit the location of existing fixed hardware, to remove existing fixed hardware, and to verify newly approved hardware is installed as intended. Anyone who disputes this must also admit they have very little (if any) experience on a rope.

Climbers are and always have been a reasonable user group - instead of providing a blanket ban on equipment that is absolutely required for nearly all forms of modern climbing, you should be proposing management plans that prevent resources from being overrun.

It is not your charter to end climbing - work with climbing advocacy groups to come up with a plan that actually works, because this is not it.