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Comments: I've been an avid camper, hiker, backpacker and climber for decades. Please consider that climbing bolts, anchors, and slings should NOT be considered as permanent installations on public lands. They are a necessary equipment for a sport climbing safety system, and taking them away makes climbing more dangerous. I take my kids and other families sport and top rope climbing, and we wouldn't be able to do this on trad protection such as cams, nuts, and slings.

Finally, I'm not sure that it would be enforceable. I can't count the number of times I've stood at the base of a cliff and not been able to find the bolts for a route, even knowing it's right there in front of me. Or climbed a route and not seen bolts just a few feet from me. How could one even know if a bolt was preexisting or new? Thanks, Tim