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Comments: Climbing and alpinism are historic recreational uses that have served as the pride of countries and advanced societies and economies. Many rural economies are reliant on outdoor recreation economies, especially mine, located in the a eastern Sierra of California. Bolted and fully protected climbing is a public safety necessity that facilitates climbing as a safe recreation. The placement of bolts is imperceptible to the general public, but the removal of safe climbing hardware would decimate the sport, cause significant public safety harm, and be detrimental to communities beyond the immediate recreation group by removing climbing as a activity in rural communities.

The cost benefit ratio does not add up. Removing bolts from walls will kill people and communities. Allowing fixed hardware harms no one.

Our public lands agencies are strapped for resources anyway- let's focus on preserving our public lands where it matters - wildfire resiliency, improving access, increasing capacity and partnerships, instead of creating enforcement actions with limited benefits to all recreation users, especially those who inspire us most.

Please continue to allow for placed hardware for safe recreation.