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Comments: Dear USFS,

I am writing you to oppose this proposal as it is written. The fixed bolts are critical for climber safety. A permitting system needed to replace old and dangerous bolts/anchors without additional funding is unrealistic and makes me fear it would result in more climbing injuries and accidents. This will not only be a tragedy for the climbers involved, but also will mean more work for the USFS and local search and rescue teams.

Additionally, requiring retroactive approval for existing routes, anchors, and bolts would be a tremendous amount of work for the USFS that would take away from the important work the USFS does to protect and conserve public land. I understand the need to have regulations on what can and cannot be bolted for climbing, but I feel strongly that this proposal as written will create more problems than it solves for climbers and government agencies alike. I think partnering with climbers on finding a more efficient and safer path to regulation would be a wiser decision to fulfill the aim of this proposal.