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Comments: Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. At my local crag in NH (which is 2+ hours away) I'm part of the community. I volunteer to keep the crag clean, I donate to keep me and friends safe (via bolt replacement), and I respectfully and safely enjoy the National Forest. Often times, a critical safety decision must be made in the moment. Needing authorization adds unnecessary friction and would impede decisions that would otherwise prioritize the safety. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.