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Comments: My thoughts on this, as a climber that has started climbing outdoors in the past few years.

I believe that the benefit to health and well being brought by enjoying alpine activities is invaluable. Have the permanent protection (such as bolts and anchors) makes this accessible and, perhaps most importantly, safe. There is no denying that how this protection is put in place is so important -- it should be done by trained individuals: trained to place it properly such that it is safe to use for many years; but also placed with the environment in mind. I believe that thoughtful placement of bolts can be done to minimize the impact, keep the wilderness accessible, and help to minimize unnecessary risk.

Making it nearly impossible to place bolts due to the admin and logistical side of it isn't going to deter those individuals who are already placing fixed gear irresponsibly. I honestly worry that it will highlight those who ignore the need for careful and considerate placement. Those who are responsible, wanting to highlight the importance of leaving no trace (or at least minimal trace) will get stuck in paperwork and permit circles, I fear.