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Comments: Hello, thanks for your consideration. Bolting rock climbing is essential to be able to allow rock climbing access and safety in USFS land. Bolting as an act has very little impact on the environment, as bolts are relatively small, can be concealed, and are generally done by people who would like to preserve the integrity of the environment that they are working on. There are clearly established traditions and communities around rock climbing in these areas that can only exist if new bolting, and being able to replace existing bolts, is able to continue. I understand that according to the letter of the law, bolts would banned because of a ban on artificial instillations. But, it would be extremely costly for park staff to review and maintain anchor installations and would disrupt the infrastructure that keeps climbers safe in the parks. I know that you will receive many comments like this in favor of keeping an open and safe policy on fixed anchors and I hope that you will make the right decision to keep climbers safe. Thanks.