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Comments: As an ecologist and former rock climber of 25 years, I assert that we need to protect and manage our natural and cultural resources from the harsh impacts of rock climbing rather than creating more climbing opportunities. Creating new climbing opportunities without careful management is only going to spread the current harsh problems that we are facing today. In the last few years, the sport of climbing has become a very popular and the horrid impacts of climbing can be seen at most crags in the Front in Range and beyond. Most importantly, climbers and their dogs leave behind feces, the smell of urine, and garbage near the bases of climbing routes. Most climbers are apparently unwilling to pack out their own waste or their dog's waste even if free kits are provided to them. We need a solution to the current human and dog waste problem as the current situation is unsustainable and will get worse. Other impacts include unauthorized trails, trampled and mutilated vegetations, rock faces scrubbed free of lichens and plant life, and interference of nesting habitats and wildlife. Climbing also interferes with aesthetic quality of the rock, such as white and colored chalk, shiny bolts, and colored webbing seen from long distances. Fixed bolts on rocks don't always add safety to a route. Often bolts are put in incorrectly or in the wrong place and fixed bolts fail over time. Bolts or attempted bolt placement permanently disfigures the rock. Furthermore, fixed bolts opens climbing routes to a greater number of climbers that lack traditional gear and experience. An increase in fixed bolts will concomitantly increase the climbing traffic and hence impact. Opening routes up to less experienced climbers raises safety concerns and will likely increase the need for rescues, which cause impact themselves. Another safety concern is that many climbers smoke marijuana and sometimes cigarettes at the base, and this creates a potential risk for wildfires. As the sport of climbing continues to expand, careful management, monitoring and enforcement will be required to mitigate the impact to our natural and cultural resources. Further development and the advertisement of new climbing opportunities is only going to encourage more to flock to the rock faces that should be preserved for wildlife and everyone to enjoy for generations to come.