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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I understand deeply the sense of urgency to protect our remaining pockets of wilderness globally. I work as an outdoor educator and guide, and have a strong sense of stewardship towards these places. But I believe that encouraging education and stewardship alongside responsible recreation is the best way forward for that. Both where I live in Canada, and abroad.

Rock climbing has taught me a high degree of respect for the wild places, and so has the community around it. Much more so than many other outdoor pursuits I partake in except mountaineering.

The Rock Climbing community should be one of your top allies in your noble pursuit of protecting your national wonders. Wonder such as Yosemite and Joshua Tree that inspire outdoor enthusiasts around the globe. Especially in Canada.

Further more, Rock Climbing in your majestic parks has made an indelible mark on human history. Some of the most incredible and inspiring feats ever completed by a human being have been completed on the walls of your National Parks!

I hope you will change your mind, Kyle Bourquin