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Comments: I have been a resident of Yosemite National Park from 1973 to 1980. During my time there I was part of Yosemite Park and Curry Co volunteer fire dept, in addition to my regular job with Curry Co. I am opposed to the climbing in Yosemite. We did bring our fire engine to the rescue helicopters for recovering injured climbers, climbers who died in falls and had to have the bodies recovered from not only El Capitan but Half Dome face and other climbing locations. Also the bigger part is the rescue team members putting their lives on the edge with climbing or defending to injured, sick or dead climbers. I know of times the helicopter got caught in a wind gust created by the heating and cooling with the sun and air currents created, thus blades getting too close to the rock faces being climbed then the helicopter falling to its destruction plus the rescue crew all being killed. One in particular a climber got physically sick, the copter went to rescue him but blade hit cliff and down it crashed. Lemoore naval air station brought in another copter to get the climber then got involved with the dead rescue team. A waste of lives to save one clown! also there is no charges to anyone rescued. This needs to change. Climbers need to post an insurance policy of say 500,000.00 prior to their climb that if they have to have rescue then tax payers are not paying for the idiot and their problem. Feel free to contact me if you want to. Tom Kroon