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Comments: I am not American, and recognize I do not have a voice in this discussion, but as someone who has greatly enjoyed the American outdoors, and recently climbed in upper New York state I would like to add my voice to those of millions of other climbers and point out that the U.S. is a leader in many things. A few years ago president Obama lent his voice to a documentary series about national parks highlighting the U.S.'s role in leading the worldwide movement of preserving wilderness areas for future generations. The point of preservation, though, is for those generations to be able to ACCESS and ENJOY those great wildernesses.

At this moment you once again are in a position to lead the world in your reaction to how climbers and other sport enthusiasts access these spaces. Time and time again climbers have proven that their presence in our great outdoors has served to protect and preserve these spaces, while aslo USING them and enjoying them.

Anything that restricts or removes access is a step in the wrong direction. I urge you to consider that.

Thank you.