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Comments: Hello, my name is Joshua. I'm a climber, mountaineer, and guide. Im sure your organization has received a ton of responses from the climbing community making claims about how fixed hardware is "crucial to our safety", or "doesnt make a big environmental impact", etc. although all of this is true, I'm here to raise a more practical consideration for the powers that be.. the utter lack of ability to enforce fixed hardware ban, and the climbing community taking full advantage of that fact. Consider why the US lost in Vietnam. We are everywhere , and our culture (ie our routes) mean far more to us then what your time, and tax wasting policy means to you. My apologies if this comes across as a threat, Its not. It's an accurate warning of how the culture will react. Perhaps do some research on the various "bolt wars" of climbing past. We have gotten very good at this game since the 60's. watch the film "valley uprising" for an accurate depiction of how climbers view authority. Then consider how we will respond if the federal government attempted to erase 70 years of our blood, sweat, tears, hopes, dreams, memories and fallen partners.

At the end of the day, everyone involved KNOWS that the NPS and USFS has much better ways of spending tax payer dollars, oh wait I mean time... Wait same thing.

Our choss, our choice. Keep the governments hands off my rocks.