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Comments: Hi my name is Ethan Beck, I am a climber, guide and outdoor educator. Climbing especially on remote settings is incredibly risky. We can take precautions, whether it be equipment like camalots or stoppers, or in the alpine tat in the form of webbing and wrap rings. This is no replacement for bolts on the wall whether it's in a section of run out on the wall or at a repell station. Removing this critical protection will not only make climbing in the alpine exponentially more dangerous but it will limit even further access and equity in the outdoors. There are many well documented cases of bolts being removed leading to the deaths of climbers who have to make risky choices like wrapping boulders inadequate for rappelling because they had no other choice. Deaths like these are preventable through the low impact process of bolting. For the sake of those who love the mountains in both their safety, well-being and enjoyment. Please don't limit the protection that helps people stay safe in the out doors. The communities who use these critical resources (bolts) are among the most dedicated stewards of these wild places. Do not harm them by removing critical protection that enabled their access to the outdoors.