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Comments: Dear USFS and NPS,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposal to stop bolting for climbing in wilderness areas in Wyoming. While safety is of utmost importance, completely halting this practice may inadvertently create more hazards for climbers.

One key concern is the potential danger posed by aging and deteriorating bolts. By removing the ability to bolt routes, climbers will be left relying on existing bolts that may be old, worn, or unreliable. This poses a significant risk to their safety, as these bolts may not be replaced or properly maintained over time.

Instead of an outright ban, I urge you to consider implementing stricter safety regulations and guidelines for bolting, ensuring that climbers have access to reliable and secure anchors. This approach would prioritize safety while still allowing climbers to enjoy the diverse recreational opportunities available in wilderness areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will carefully reconsider the proposal and take into account the potential dangers associated with removing the ability to bolt routes.

Sincerely,

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