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Comments: I am commenting on the proposed increased burden to having fixed bolts in wilderness areas.

I'm 36 years old, and started rock climbing just two years ago. Since starting climbing I have been using, and enjoying our countries wilderness areas FAR more than any other time in my life. Some people who are very good climbers can place their own protective points, but that is much less safe than having fixed bolts to secure to. It is my opinion that access to fixed bolts should be increased across the country for the safety of our people.

With climbing being one of the fastest growing sports in the country, our focus should be to support these people, and their very minimal impact on nature. In turn the climbers will support our wilderness right back.

Thank you