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Climbing has been a form of recreation within our wilderness areas for over a century. Speaking personally, climbing has given me an opportunity to feel fully immersed in nature and to explore some of the most beautiful places our country has to see. From the alpine of Grand Teton National park to the desert of Joshua tree, I've spent years appreciating our country from a perspective that I could only have gained through climbing. I feel fortunate to be able to do the thing I love and to do it safely. The current propositions on bolt restrictions coming from the National park system and National forest system puts the climbing community and all of the progress that has been made to make our sport safer over the last decades in grave danger. I urge NPS and USFS to please reconsider and work with the access fund to find a solution. This is an important issue for thousands of people who love and support our wilderness areas.