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Comments: Bolts are an essential tool for rock climbing and must be used to safely rappel from climbs. The impact caused by these bolts is extremely minimal and unnoticed by almost anyone except the climbers that use them. Regulation of bolting practices is absolutely necessary to protect culturally significant and sensitive areas, but a ban on anchors all together is completely unreasonable. Anchor bolts provide a safe and semipermanent way for climbers to rappel from climbs. Without properly installed and maintained bolts anchors can become questionable by leaving behind slings or ropes that can decay from uv damage over time. Accidents will then occur because climbers will be forced to use marginal anchors to retreat. Please do not ban bolts in our recreation areas because it will cause further harm to the climbing community and the families that support them.