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Comments: Bolted anchors and routes are essential to the climbing community for safe and meaningful outdoor experiences. America has a rich climbing culture and history that would be harmed by the banning of bolts. As a community, we have strove to ensure our practices are appropriate and respect the surrounding nature and wildlife and fall under well-established policies. I would agree with restricting bolt placement or maintenance in areas that have received a proper biological or geological survey and was deemed too fragile, but absent of that the climbing community should continue to practice proper safety techniques and follow long established guidelines for replacing unsafe bolts and placing new ones. In the American spirit of exploration, it would seem wrong to place an absolute ban as this would lead not only to potential harm but also limit our ability to push ourselves as a country as leaders in the climbing world. We should approach this with common sense and reason and for the time being forego the limitation of bolts and not classify them as prohibited installations.