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Here's the deal, fixed anchors (bolts, pitons and rappel stations) are completely necessary tools used by climbers to safely enjoy the beautiful vertical terrain found in our national parks and forests. A past time that is historical and spiritual. Climbers already police themselves on how many bolts is too many, and because they're expensive and climbers are generally poor, there are naturally only as many many of these bolts as needed. They are completely invisible to the general public. COMPLETELY INVISIBLE. Often when I'm climbing a route I will miss a bolt that I am desperately looking for that's 5 feet to the left or right, that's how invisible they are.

I do Wilderness SAR with the Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit, a completely volunteer team. Recently our brothers and sisters on Inyo SAR needed to place a bolt in a boulder in order to get the pulling vector needed to roll it off of a hikers destroyed leg. Do you want us SAR professionals to have to second guess whether we're in the right to place a bolt to save a life?

What's the biggest impact in our national parks and forests? Roads. If you take away Climbers ability to place and maintain bolts, you're saying these devices which increase safety and convenience are not valid. The logical extension of which would be to remove all unnatural devices that increase safety and convenience. Bridges over rivers would have to be removed. All roads and all buildings would have to be removed, as they have over a billion times the impact on environment and people enjoying the park. What impacts Yosemite more, my bolt in the middle of El Cap or a Harley Davidson ripping around the valley loop? If it was up to me Yosemite would be a backpacking only destination.