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Comments: I believe that this act could not only endanger climbers but also create more unsafe situations, requiring SAR and NPS employees to be impacted.

Climbing is a sport of American history. Just like Europe, but more recent. It has over 50 years of rich history. It is just as much a sport as the trails (and parking lots) created in these areas for sport. It would be irresponsible to cover all trails, causing impact in terrain and botanical preservation. That goes the same for anchors, bolts etc. If we got rid of trails, humans will still explore. If we get rid of bolts, the difference is safety and rescue. Climbers will still climb.

The safety of the anchors for rappels and ascents are done with much thought. I encourage anyone not for this act to talk to a climber, a community coalition. Climbers are some of the most educated in wilderness and preservation. We have constant clean ups, trail work days, bolt replacement groups - more than any outdoor community I've worked with in the Outdoor Industry. We are leaders in all things outdoors and respecting wilderness- and giving back. Often.

Please understand the importance, safety and community of this historic sport that attracts climbing athletes from all over the world.