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Comments: I believe that this proposal would have a very negative impact on the enjoyment and utilization of the National Parks. Most of the areas where climbing occurs are accessed by almost no one except climbers. I see few-to-no hikers/tourists in the areas I climb (New River Gorge, Red Rocks in Nevada, Devil's Tower, Joshua Tree, etc.). These areas are primarily enjoyed only by the climbing community, and the proposal would make it exceedingly onerous to maintain safe climbing for the bolts on sport routes and the anchors on trad routes. If fixed anchors (slings and bolts) cannot be maintained on trad routes then natural features (trees, etc.) will receive additional wear that could impact their health. I would like to emphasize again that most climbing areas are utilized almost exclusively by climbers. Please note that climbers do work with Native Americans, for example we do not climb there (out of respect) during the months they requested.