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I am writing to show my support for climbing in national park and forrest service lands. I have been a climber for 45 years and have been a part of sport climbing development in Utah and surrounding states.

Climbing has a glorious history and become a very popular sport and has developed an industry and culture that is now a permanent part of the recreation world. Climbing for years has been a well established activity in public use lands, wilderness and national parks and any attempt to erase the history is should not be accomplished by the government destroying and dismantling a history that many recreational climber and professional climbers set climbing goals by and dream of a day when they might be good enough to do a legendary climb and imagine what it must have been like on the first ascent.

Fixed protection and/or anchors have opened some beautiful areas for appreciation, made climbing safer and have dispersed impact from many multi use areas. Climbers have seen and appreciated areas that no other recreationalists will see or use. Climbing has been a major part of my life, my self improvement, and as like my career, an opportunity to pursue goals that push me to be better. Instead of proposing an outright ban, perhaps beginning with some standards for bolting should be addressed-stainless steel bolts, painted bolts and hangers, sensitive cultural areas, establishing fixed quickdraw on climbs etc. Or, even opening discussions on how to best manage these in the future.

Lastly, general use public lands (BLM) shouldn't have bolting restrictions; this is not to say that some bolting guideines shouldn't be there. When multiusers put a significant impact on supporting resources (bathrooms, camping, crowding, etc) the agencies should focus on this problem. These lands belong to all of us and we all need to learn how to share resources. It is my belief that any attempt to significantly regulate these areas will be unsuccessful, unsafe

This country needs to be big enough for all of us. Users must learn to share all public lands and respect history that is important to so many. Any reversal of the stance that many federal and state agencies have taken for so many years is not helpful especially if it undoes what has already been established.