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Comments: While bolts are man made, they have become the best technology in the modern age of climbing to provide additional safety for climbers in NPS and USFS areas that cannot be attained if they are removed. While there are isolated incidents of arguably "overbolted" climbing areas, most of these are not in National Parks or Forest Service land. If we were to institute an alternative to these bolting techniques, the natural conservation of parks and lands would definitely be more threatened than by just bolts, due to climbers using replacement gear such as slings around trees, and possibly reimplementing pitons, which were used in the traditional method of climbing as security and marred the rock when placed. The security and safety of climbers using bolts is much greater than with the use of these other traditional methods. If the NPS and USFS want to keep climber safety as a high priority and keep the number or accidents to a minimum, this proposal needs to be revoked and thrown away. In my experience as a mountain guide, rock guide, and alpine guide, I can promise that if bolts are removed, then the number of accidents will increase.