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Comments: Moving forward with a widespread bolt ban on national lands would be a devastating blow to one of the quickest growing recreational communities in the country. Banning bolts would disincentivize and eventually end climbing tourism in parks. Even in areas where the protection is primarily traditional or removable, climbers still need occasional bolts to make blank sections safe, get back down to the ground, and/or reduce impact to sensitive ecology. This means #vanlife trust funders, DINKs, and active families alike spending their money elsewhere. It could even be considered a campaign against public health as well. Climbers are generally lean and chose robust whole food diets. This lifestyle is an alternative to the raging obesity and sedentary lifestyle popular in America. If the United States government bans bolts, you're taking a lazy approach to regulation that will have devastating effects on a growing recreational community.