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Comments: Hello, I am writing as a concerned climber that this new proposal will negatively impact the climbing community, place an unnecessary burden on the already over worked Forest Services, and place inexperienced climbers at risk.

I firmly believe that this will not only discourage climbers from continuing to safely use the existing climbing routes on the impacted lands, it will also encourage inexperienced climbers to take risks on bolts that are not being maintained or replaced by independent organizations.

I also believe that this will place an incredible burden on the Forest Service rangers who already have an increasingly difficult job.

I have been a recreational climber for the past 8 years and it has immensely improved my life. Not only from the basis of getting out and enjoying the fresh air in the national parks, but the improvement in my physical and mental wellbeing. I hope that this proposal will be reconsidered to people like me and those in the future who take up climbing can continue to do so.