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Comments: I have been rock climbing for over 30 years now. It has been a vital, significant aspect of my physical and mental health from the beginning. Rock climbers are, in general, very responsible and respectful of nature and the environment; much of the climbing experience itself can be attributed to the love of being in the beautiful surroundings and ecosystems that are associated with climbing.

When I started out after grad school climbing was not considered mainstream. As you must know climbing started with a bunch of radical individuals that were misfits and on the edge of society (in general). It was an activity that few participated, largely off the radar of the larger society. But now, climbing has become a dominant sport as exemplified by mainstream media commercials. It has permeated the culture, providing an important economic engine for many communities.

Well maintained fixed anchors and bolts on rock are vital to maintaining safety and reducing the impact on the environment. Fixed anchors save trees and vegetation. Well maintained hangers (bolts) save lives. Fixed anchors (as you well know) are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the 1964 Wilderness Act. I support all current laws regulating bolting in Wilderness areas. But, no changes are needed. Keep climbing safe and available to all upcoming generations.