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Comments: Over the years, outdoor climbing has made me a happy healthy person and allows me to be part of a positive community. I meet some of my favorite people in the world while out climbing. It's one of the most positive and healthy aspects of my life. Many of the best moments of my life have been and will be spent on the rock.

The best people to regulate climbing is the climbing community itself. I believe in the climbing community's ability to regulate its impact on the environment. Overall, climbing culture makes people care about the environment more not less. Even if there are more people interested in outdoor climbing than before. On the whole, route developers are very conscientious, passionate, and generous hardworking people who give to the community and care very much about stewardship, sustainability and the safety. There are also many climbing advocacy organizations as well, who advocate for the sustainable and safe use of these spaces.

I think the proposed regulations don't really make any sense. I only see confusion, hassle, risks to safety, and extra expenses, (which are extensively layed out on access funds site and many other places) and no realistic benefit whatsoever.