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Comments: Prohibiting bolted routes will negatively affect access to the outdoors. Bolts are created (in areas allowed) and maintained by climbers to provide a safer way to climb already established routes. Bolted climbers are an important part of the history of rock climbing and without them, the future of climbing in national parks and other wilderness areas will be compromised. This would be a huge blow for all climbers across the country and create tons of safety issues on climbs that were previous safe and accessible.

Climbing is a huge sport and is only growing as we speak. Proof of this is the addition of climbing to the recent Olympics. This would be a step backwards in climbing progress and would ultimately be more dangerous and harmful. Trying to limit access to already established bolted routes will be difficult to enforce and create confusion for climbers who have previously had access to these routes.