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Comments: Hello

My wife and our four children regularly recreate in the forests and wilderness in Arizona. We became invested as a family when we started climbing on the safely bolted routes in the Santa Catalina mountains. Through the sport of climbing, we joined a group of local enthusiasts and have spent so much time with other families both recreating, and caring for the areas. We've collected trash as part of organized and private efforts, removed graffiti with the Climbing Association of Southern Arizona, and worked to educate other on good stewardship.

Access to safe climbing through safely bolted routes is the reason we feel safe bringing our family to climb in Southern Arizona. Without safely bolted climbs we'd spend much less time outside in this beautiful area, and would have never been inspired to invest our time caring for it.

Please consider the incredible resource that access to safe climbing is for Southern Arizona, not just to enjoy our lands, but to support a community with a long proven history of caring for the land and teaching others to do the same!

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