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Comments: I am a rock climber and trailbuilder that lives in Prescott arizona. I would say that 90% of the time that I enter a Wilderness Area it is for canoneering or Rock climbing. I use both traditional methods, Cam's nuts and also bolted climbs. I also volunteer with my local Trail Building Association, in hopes that maintained Trails will grant all citizens better access to the Wilderness. I believe that we should be able to use bolted protection in all national parks and in forest service wilderness areas. Regrettably, rock climbers we're not around when the formation of the national parks were hammered out. Hikers, automobile enthusiast, train companies and horse riders had the far majority of the say in the policy formation of national parks. Rock climbers ,as we know them today, we're essentially left out of most of the policy , as near as I can tell. I personally believe that painted bolts on a cliff wall are almost invisible to all hikers except for rock climbers. I believe that someone climbing on a cliff has as much right to be in the wilderness or national park as anyone else. If we are no longer able to bolt rocks for protection then we will be limited to less than 5% of the available rock. We use traditional methods with Patons, nuts, and cams only with rock that has been fractail by Nature. That would limit us greatly from the amount of rock that we would have access to. Please continue to allow bolting for new routes and for existing route maintenance in the national parks and wilderness areas. Thank you Norman Howard climber Prescott Arizona