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Comments: The thought that the materials that allow me to access the parts of the world I want to access may be taken away frightens me.

If roads, millions of tons of tar and concrete, can be constructed to allow visitors to reach the places they want to go, say the floor of the Yosemite valley, why then would bolts and anchors be looked at any differently. They are simply there to allow individuals to safely access the areas they wish to access. Surely they are less consequential than the roads, fire pits, restaurants, sidewalks and pit toilets used to ease access to these wilderness areas in the first place.

I'd urge the powers that be to consider that why when the access is done by way of ropes, bolts, hands and feet, is it looked at with more scrutiny than access done by way of roads, paved walkways, and trails organized and built with wood, metal spikes driven into the ground and relocated boulders? What is it about the vertical landscape that deserves a more scrutinous eye? Why is access for one user group, the masses, more important than access for another, climbers?