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Comments: Dear United States Forest Service,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed rock climbing bolt ban in wilderness areas under USFS jurisdiction. As an enthusiastic rock climber and a devoted advocate for outdoor recreation, I believe that a thoughtful and inclusive approach is crucial in addressing the interests of both conservation and recreational users within our national forests.

Rock climbing is not merely a physical activity but a means by which individuals establish a profound connection with nature. It promotes an appreciation for the environment and encourages responsible stewardship among its practitioners. While I acknowledge the necessity of conservation efforts to safeguard the ecological balance of our wilderness areas, I propose a collaborative approach that considers the perspectives of the rock climbing community, environmental experts, and other stakeholders.

An outright ban on rock climbing bolts may not be the most effective solution. Instead, I urge the United States Forest Service to engage in open communication with the rock climbing community to develop sustainable and responsible climbing practices. By working together, we can strike a balance that minimizes environmental impact while allowing enthusiasts to continue enjoying these magnificent landscapes.

I kindly request that the USFS reconsider the proposed ban and initiate a dialogue with the rock climbing community to find a mutually agreeable solution. Collaboration is key to ensuring the preservation of our wilderness areas while providing opportunities for people to experience the natural beauty through rock climbing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to the preservation of our nation's forests and look forward to a positive and cooperative resolution to this matter.

Be well,

Caleb