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Comments: Hi there, I hope you are well. I wanted to add my voice to the chorus of many letting you know that the proposed changes to what counts as installations and establishments in wilderness areas will be disastrous and dangerous to a huge number of Americans, myself included.

Climbing up is a superb way to connect with our beautiful country, and obviously climbing bolts are central to our ability to do so in a safe way. Restriction on installing and (importantly) replacing bolts is not likely to dampen Americans' desire to climb, but it will hinder the safety and sustainability of their doing so. Unprecedented numbers of people are getting introduced to the sport through climbing gyms across the country. Many of them seek deep emotional fulfillment and connecting with nature, their friends, and themselves on outdoor climbing adventures. Given that our land has such a rich history of climbing exploration, people WILL find places to climb outside. If bolting is limited as you propose, this will concentrate the growing crowds into fewer and fewer climbing areas (badly exacerbating environmental and ecological damage to those places, as well as visual impact). Moreover, it will absolutely hamstring the generous and heroic people who already spend their personal time and money working hard to take care of their local crags, replace bolts, and ensure that they can be enjoyed safely.

It's understandable to set reasonable limits on how and where people can recreate, and considered imitations on climbing in certain areas is certainly something I support. However, it's important that these be "opt out" rather than "opt in," that the default be to allow the continued safe development and maintenance of bolts.

Thanks for your consideration,

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