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Comments: Dear National forest service,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed bolt ban and its potential detrimental impact on the longstanding tradition of responsible public land use in our national forests and parks.

Public lands hold immense value for outdoor enthusiasts, fostering a connection with nature and promoting responsible recreation. Climbing, in particular, has been a cherished activity for individuals who appreciate the beauty and challenge our national forests and parks offer. Bolts, when used responsibly, have been an essential tool for climbers, ensuring safety and minimizing environmental impact.

While I understand the need for conservation efforts, a blanket bolt ban risks alienating responsible patrons who contribute positively to the preservation of our natural treasures. Instead of an outright prohibition, I encourage a collaborative approach that involves climbers, environmentalists, and policymakers to establish guidelines that balance recreation with the crucial need for conservation.

It is essential to recognize that responsible climbers can be valuable stewards of the land, advocating for its preservation and educating others on sustainable practices. I urge you to consider alternative solutions that address environmental concerns without unnecessarily restricting access and stifling a rich tradition of responsible public land use.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that, together, we can find a balanced approach that preserves our national treasures while accommodating the diverse needs of those who appreciate and respect our public lands.

Sincerely,

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