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Comments: I believe that a change in bolting policy would have a negative effect on the growth of climbing here in the US. Climbing is something that is already challenging to get into, and challenging to learn all of the safety skills needed to perform. Removing, and banning the use of bolts on NPS Land would make it less safe, as people would need to learn to build good three point trad anchors. For the sake of accessibility it would be best to continue to allow the use of bolts, both for sport routes, and anchors. Bolts also help to protect the land against wear and tear as climbers are less likely to use natural features that will wear down more quickly without bolts.