Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/17/2024 6:45:42 PM First name: Charlie Last name: Triplett Organization: Title: Comments: My first experience with ropes and aquatic canyons was in Washington State.

I experienced a spectacular adventure in which I overcame fear, made new friends and let myself have fun in an environment so few people get to experience. I later went on to become trained and now volunteer through non-profits to help others experience these meaningful places.

Canyoneers already partner with authorities to establish sustainable access to these incredibly special places in a way that keeps them safe, sustainable and clean.

In places like Washington, good bolting practices reduce erosion and wear on the environment, while also making it possible to safely experience canyons.

Some canyons cannot simultaneously be accessed safely and sustainably without bolts.

The canyoning community has successfully managed these canyons for decades with responsible bolting practices aimed at safety and conservation.

Heaping more bureaucratic responsibility and restrictions on park managers is unnecessary.

It's clear language promoting removal of existing bolts in absence of a costly MRA is in contradiction to the purposes of wilderness.

The removal of bolts will lead to the degradation of canyons, and slam the door on people who seek to be immersed in these spectacular places.