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Comments: As a lifelong climber I find it irresponsible and frustrating for the NPS to consider for even a moment restricting permanent climbing protection in our National Parks. I don't understand the reasoning as I can all but guarantee a bolt has never been spotted by single non-climbing tourist in a park. Indeed, considering the challenged in finding a route in a National Park let alone it's permanent protection, I wish they were easy to find! Further, removing bolts will not stop climbing it will just make it less safe - why would we do that? Climbing is a special sport available to anyone and is one of the finest ways to connect and care about nature. One can truly immerse themselves in the most serene locations, finding peace and serenity away from the modern world that is unrivaled. I think we should be looking to find more ways to make such experiences safer and more accessible - not the opposite - it could change the world and how we all collectively care and feel about it. This is our land, so please remember that we need to account for everyone's interest and access to it - be it a tourist that never leaves a shuttle bus to a the soul that seeks some solace perched in the cliffs, there's a place for us all.

Regards,

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