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Comments: Regulating the bolting of popular routes will force climbers to use less reliable gear and natural structures like trees to anchor themselves and protect themselves while climbing. This will inevitably cause more injuries/deaths and result in more damage to natural areas. Well placed bolts that are maintained and monitored properly are the best solution to get climbers to focus on specific controlled areas where skilled professionals have installed good fixed hardware. The only overseeing regulation should be to ensure that the hardware is reliable, installed correctly, and maintained properly.