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Comments: I'm for increasing the number of bolts. More bolts makes for safer climbing, less injuries/deaths, and less need for emergency response in the back country. The impact on the non-climbing community is minimal if at all and is comparable to putting in new hiking paths. With a family and kids at home, I do not feel comfortable with the increased risk of trad climbing, perceived or real.

Most of the complaints I've heard against bolting are not so much for the minimal visual impact of bolts, but are from people who complain about the increased traffic climbers bring to otherwise quiet parks. This is a dangerous precedent. These lands are for everyone to responsibly use. The fewer people who use the lands, the less political will there will be to fund our parks and keep them for future generations. Reducing users will lead to reduced funding and closures of parks. I believe garden of the gods is an excellent example of climbers and the public needs being balanced in an equitable manner.