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Comments: Dear US Forest Services representatives,

As a 53 year old mother and grandmother, I am probably not considered your typical outdoor climber, but I have traveled widely around the United States and climbed in many public National parks and recreational areas. I am also a licensed psychologist and voter and I am horrified and saddened that there is current legislation seeking to end the American tradition of climbing. As a group, climbers are very focused on preserving the environment and promoting others to leave no trace. Bolting is a necessary and unobtrusive manner to protect the lives of climbers and the quality of the rock so that many people can enjoy it in a safe and conservative way. The United States has a worldwide reputation for amazing climbing and international visitors come here to climb in our treasured areas. Please preserve our national legacy and the passion of many Americans by terminating your proposal to declare bolts as installations. This is not what the original Forestry act intended, and it was not outlawed after the act was initiated. To take this concept out of context and twist the meaning 54 years later is wrong, dangerous and harmful, as it will surely not end people from trying to climb, but will push them to climb by unsafe means. Please end this proposal and protect American's climbing legacy. There are other options to reduce environmental impact rather than taking this extreme position at the present time.