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Comments: Climbing has become a huge part of my love for the outdoors and wilderness. I strongly believe that, to get people to protect and care for the wilderness we must educate and submerge them with positive experiences in the outdoors. The bolt prohibition is a step in the other direction. Bringing increased risk to a sport that is growing in popularity. Bolts and Fixed anchors for many people are a critical part of route finding in the vertical world. Removing or banning installation of new bolts will increase climbers risk of going off route. This could lead to many dangerous situations, such as high risk first accent climbing, areas that have not been cleaned of loose rock, and more hazardous situations.