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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Prohibiting bolts, pitons, and slings in Wilderness Areas is a horrific proposal and entirely detrimental to all involved parties. The proposed policies deal fatal blows to the long-established sports of sport climbing, alpine climbing, and mountaineering. The hardware which is proposed to be prohibited is integral to the aforementioned sports, which are enjoyed by millions and represent the livelihood of tens of thousands. There is no justifiable reason to deal such a blow to vast numbers of recreationalists and professionals. The proposed policies undermine decades of history, culture, and passion and impedes these virtues in the decades to come. Climbing hardware is a catalyst for exceptionally fulfilling life experiences for thousands - do not make the egregious error of prohibiting it.