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Comments: Please DO NOT prohibit the placement of permanent bolts, pitons, slings... on rock faces. It can be understood that climbing is dangerous, however the removal of all bolts is only creating more danger and destroying valuable history in what makes these places so special. People are always going to climb rocks, its in our spirit as humans to be adventurous and this is just one of many ways we choose to express it. By removing permanent anchors you are removing the safest way to introduce people to climbing. It is the most effective way to teach basic rope and gear management skills. Sport Rock Climbing is an essential step in a climbers journey determining the ability to continue learning technicality or to take a step back and reevaluate. Without this middle-ground it can be extremely dangerous thrusting unsuspecting climbers into higher levels of Traditional and Alpine/Ice Climbing. Again, people will continue to explore the art, culture and the community surrounding this sport, so I ask you please to reconsider your views on removing the safest part of this sport beloved by so many.