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Comments: Please please do not eliminate sport climbing in the Santa Catalina Mountains (Mt. Lemmon) in Tucson. Sport climbing is a wonderful, wholesome, and family-oriented sport. This area is a long-used, very popular area with locals and visitors alike. It's an international destination for sport climbers. Climbers RESPECT nature, respect these areas, and in fact engage in trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and provide other helpful wilderness attention. Sport climbing does not destroy nature- it allows great enjoyment of it. Yes I understand that bolts in rock are the concern but they do NOT harm the environment, and are not very visible. Climbing is a fabulous exercise besides. Traditional climbing (without bolted climbs) is more technical, more dangerous, and more expensive due to equipment. It's a whole different type of climbing that most sport climbers do not do. By eliminating the sport climbing option in Tucson, thousands of climbers would be shut out of outdoor climbing. It would also affect climbing tourism and economically have a negative impact on many local businesses. Thank you.