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Comments: Bolts on climbing routes have been shown to reduce impact by leaving tat, or slings on routes which cause a greater impact in multiple ways including safety, visually, and in the surrounding environment. Bolting has been shown to be done in an overwhelmingly responsible manner and have been shown to reduce risk and save climbers lives. Many of these bolts have existed before the national parks they reside in were even established. After 40-50+ years of use these bolts have become worn from protecting climbers. Requiring layers and layers of bureaucracy to keep these lifesaving pieces of equipment will only result in routes being neglected and more dangerous and will result in the death of climbers. Bolts have resulted in climbing having less impact and being safer and the removal of them and hampering their maintenance and replacement will ultimately hurt climbing in the wilderness which is designated as a proper use of wilderness land.