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Comments: I completely understand the needs to keep wilderness area wild. It makes sense, that's why they are designated wilderness areas. I also understand the need to allow humans to connect with nature. It is necessary on a variety of levels. Climbing gives many many people a new perspective and connection to nature. This brings a higher respect for nature and thus allows them to also feel the needs to respect and protect wilderness.

Climbing bolts are extremely important for safety in the sport of climbing and deciding if a bolt is necessary or not will vary wildly from athlete to athlete. Sure, there are some athletes who can climb without any bolts, ropes, or protections. However, that's is extremely rare and adds unnecessary risks. The top climbers out there today have only gotten as good as they are because they have had the opportunity to use and become Better through the use of gear such as fixed bolts.

In addition to the need for bolts, the proposed mandates would increase the funding and staff needed at the locations. This area is already underfunded and resources are stretched thin. It would be better financially for these foundations and safer for the climbers to allow those athletes in the know to make these judgment calls as well as maintain responsibility for them.