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Comments: The purpose of public land management organizations should be to maintain land use in a sustainable manner. One of the ways land management organizations, like the USFS or NPS, do this is by concentrating use in specific, long-term areas that are less susceptible to environmental impacts. An example of this focus method is maintaining public trails and encouraging users to stay on those trails. Banning the use of bolts will impede access to rock climbing in wilderness areas; therefore obstructing the use of a durable natural surface and redirecting all traffic towards more fragile terrain such as soils and vegetation. The desire to recreate in wilderness areas will not diminish when rock climbing becomes less accessible. However, its use will increase in areas of the landscape that are much more fragile than rock. For these reasons, it is counterproductive to the objectives and purposes of public land administrators to promote a policy on this matter. Furthermore, when the scope is expanded to the negative impacts this policy has on security, culture and the economy, it should be clear that the intentions of this policy will not be met.