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Comments: After looking over this proposal I find it to be well intentioned, but lacking in its ability to see the real world impact that this proposal would have. I fear attempting to re-regulate recreational climbing will only result in a further safety hazard, furthermore it will limit access to a sport which already has an incredibly high point of entry. People within this climbing community care a great deal about the climbing areas that they occupy. I would say the majority do their best to care and maintain these areas responsibly. If this regulation goes into place it will strip away agency from this community; it will limit their ability to insure the maintenance and safety of the existing climbing route. Their capabilities to do this work are far greater than those that can be provided through funding and over regulation. This is important because often there are safety concerns that need to be addressed quickly and cannot wait for approval without causing significant and imminent danger. I propose trying to empower the local climbing communities. I think through a partnership the government can offer their concerns and resources and in turn the climbing community will offer a wealth of personal experience and the resources of the local communities. I see the importance of regulation, but I feel that this proposal will do more harm than good. I'm sure the concerns of the community will be voiced in a similar tone.