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Comments: First - I think it's important to say that bolted routes predate the wilderness act by quite some time.

Some people believe bolted routes are damaging our wilderness areas, but this feels like a misunderstood take. Bolted routes are literally not different than a hiking or biking trail. We want people to experience the wild in a safe and responsible manner, and helping give people clarity on where they need to go is actually less damaging to the wilderness than just having people run loose wherever. Bolts can barely be seen from the ground, but help those on the wall stay on route and stay safe. Taking bolts away from climbing outdoors is essentially banning climbing, because most climbers do not possess the skills or equipment to climb via traditional methods, nor are there places to put the traditional gear on most sport routes. The routes, often a rich part of climbing history, would be erased.

You wouldn't take trails away from mountain bikers, you wouldn't take roads out of national parks, you wouldn't remove bathrooms. The recreation millions of people enjoy cannot be done, or can only be done in a more irresponsible and damaging way without bolts.

Finally, climbers have long been great stewards of the wilderness, and this decision would devastate one of the national parks most responsible user groups.

Regards,

Brian