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Comments: The proposed legislation is a poorly-crafted, bureaucratic burden with no buy-in from the climbers, stewards, and parks staff who it will affect most and who have been diligently managing the land for decades. These regulations would additionally make the sport of climbing more dangerous, resulting in more injuries, deaths, and increased burden on search and rescue personnel. The climbing community acknowledges that improvements can always be made to land management practices and many areas are already moving towards decentralized strategies such as management coalitions that are much better suited to the diversity of sites around the country. These regulations, however, are not the answer.