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Comments: Please do NOT ban bolting on national forest lands!! Proper and discreet use of bolts enhances visiting climbers' experiences and directly impacts climber safety. I have been climbing in national parks and forests for 25+ years, and I have seen the economic impact climbers have in surrounding cities and towns, so an outright ban on bolts could have deleterious economic effects on those areas. I vehemently oppose an outright ban on bolts. Common sense regulations and guidelines can curb bolting in sensitive areas while still maintaining the safety and overall climbing enjoyment of the climbing public. Please reconsider this harmful proposal.