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Comments: To bolt or not to bolt? I've been a climber for almost 50 years shore to shore yet I've only seen over bolting in a couple places. On a single formation in Belle Campground Joshua tree national Park. In Yosemite national parks El Capitan, climbing routes are too close together in a couple of instances. I know it's an issue in some other areas of the country especially regarding sport bolting and rap bolting.

My recommendation is only in very rare instances should Bolting be prohibited completely. Continued education regarding bolt placement stressing only if it is a real bona fide necessity.

And only in very rare instances should a route be removed.

Sincerely, Curt Sanders