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Comments: While I admire the intent to keep americas wilderness wild, I am afraid that the proposed system would be ineffective and potentially harmful. Bolts are an essential part of climbing safety, and the proposed legislation will not just affect overbolted sport routes, but also potentially effect the ability to safely perform clean aid and trad climbing. Climbers have a long history of effectively self regulating bolting on public and private lands in a way that allows for access while maintaining wilderness character. This legislation would tie up that process behind beurocratic paperwork that will overload the parks and forests systems and likely lead to a defacto ban on all bolting, which does not appear to be the intent. If thoughtful and sparse bolting is what is desired, why not take permit hand drilling bolts on lead which takes sufficiently long per bolt (up to 1 hour) such that it forces careful consideration of each bolt. This would drastically reduce overbolting and keep with the historic character of climbing. Then you could implement a permit system for rap bolting with a power drill, still allowing this kind of development as necessary.