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Comments: Rock climbing and rock climbers are stewards of nature and conservation of wilderness. Rock climbing, specifically sport climbing, which requires preplaced bolt anchors, is an amazing sport and attracts people to areas that were otherwise sparsely used. The bolts placed are no different than trails blazed by park management for hikers. In fact, the bolts are barely noticeable with route setters now using paints to camouflage their existence. The bolts are generally only apparent to other climbers.

The bolts and their continued replacement, are an essential part of making rock climbing a safe sport. The safety of the sport is what attracts new climbers who then are exposed to the rock climbers primary ethos of preservation, protection and access to wilderness areas.

Please do not ban bolting or bolt replacement and maintenance.