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Comments: I am writing to the National Forest Service in opposition to the "bolt-ban" that has been proposed by newly written federal guidelines.

The use of bolts to ensure the safety of climbers has been present for decades. The restriction, and prohibition of bolts would not only create a danger for climbing, but also the very mission of recreation, and outdoor stewardship that the parks service embodies.

Bolted climbing in wilderness areas has inspired an entire community to engage with conservation and environmental stewardship for decades. These new regulations would be harmful to climbers of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds that allow them to connect with National Parks in a meaningful way.

I implore that the Parks and Forest Service continue allowing for the bolting of new routes for recreational climbing in wilderness areas so that the spirit and legacy of explorative American climbing can exist for this generation, and many more to come.