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Comments: Access to nature and the continued possibility of recreation in the outdoors was the very reason why the national park service and other park services were created. In cases where sensitive outdoor environments were at risk, the climbing community has created permit based systems to maintain a balance of the ecosystem while still allowing responsible access to climbing. The climbing community has taken the responsibility to create safe bolting to reduce the risks of what we acknowledge is a potentially dangerous sport. All persons who interact with national parks, forests and state lands have an impact on the ecosystem and climbers especially understand that. We volunteer our time to help maintain the lands and believe that creating structures to protect land rather than restricting climbing all together is a better solution. We ask that you work with the climbing community to come up with solutions for your concerns that all us to still climb outdoors and experience nature the way we most enjoy rather than removing the option for us to climb entirely. Please do not prohibit us from enjoying our sport and instead work with us.