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Comments: Hello,

I am reaching out to you to oppose the Bolt Prohibition. Climbing is such an integral part of the American dream. The ability to explore the natural beauty of this country is necessary for growth and appreciation for each person. By banning the use of fixed protection, USFS is essentially going against what the service stands for. I understand that placing artificial protection is not the natural part of the environment, but it helps efforts for conservation is making standardized routes for people to take. This is no different than a hiking trail. It increases safety of users, as well as discourages users from taking unnecessary routes. Which puts nature and other users at risk.

Most fixed gear is placed and maintained by climbers, not adding to the important role of USFS workers. I propose permitting users so that responsible organizations are putting up routes that are approved but also make sense for climbers and USFS users alike.

I appreciate all that USFS does for the natural beauty of the nation, and I hope you all can see the benefit of climbers in the natural world.

Cheers,

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