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Comments: I have enjoyed a lifetime of climbing in our cherished National Forests since I returned to the USA from ROK Marines Mtn Warfare School, where I began my climbing journey in 1978. Since then I have climbed mainly in the West but I travel specifically to climb a lot.

Bolts have been a part of climbing since its inception in the USA. I develop routes in our Forests today and have been a responsible contributor to the enjoyment and safety of our sport. It is recreation that has grown significantly in recent years. I applaud the management of the future of climbing and support the expansion of new areas. A plan to manage that growth is a positive move but demanding a change, like the removal or prohibition of bolts, is a bit too far from what is necessary to safely regulate climbing in the Forests.

Please do not create a new batch of criminals called climbers. I feel like this move is not motivated by public discourse but by people that want to control another aspect of our life. I have never had any member of the public demand I stop placing bolts or climbing anything in the forest. This manufactured crisis will require money time and people to enforce rules nobody asked for or needed to recreate as we have since I can remember calling myself a climber.

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