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Comments: I believe further discussion between climbing interests and the USFS and NPS need to be explored to confirm a mutually beneficial conclusion to this issue. The main issues I see as a lover of wild places as well as someone who expresses that love through climbing and other outdoor pursuits are as follows.

1- a sever lack of funding for rebolting efforts

2- furthering the steps to approve rebolting efforts and thus time it would take to restore a modicum of safety to established routes.

3- climber safety in the event of finding the route you were attempting had the safety equipment removed by virtue of "chopping" thus putting climbers in danger and putting more stress on search and rescue services.

I fully agree that to keep places wild there ironically must be rules and regulations, but I think we can do a better job to find a mutually beneficial plan that will be easier to execute.