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Comments: Climbing fall protected rock faces in the wilderness is compatible with nature and should be considered "clean climbing." Rock climbing using traditional anchoring gear like cam-locks or sport anchoring gear like bolted hangers is an extremely natural practice that unifies man with nature through physically demanding and emotionally rewarding exercise. Time in nature is imperative for so many men and women in this country. Climbing is one of the many ways this time is spent. Having such a challenging yet meditative practice such as sport climbing to focus energy on is a blessing. This sport promotes health and community. The climbing culture stands by land preservation and advocates for rules like leave no trace. There is etiquette and respect in the sport. When climbers have the rights to inhabit a space you can count on that space remaining protected and clean. Taking away sport climbing would hurt the popularity of climbing and lead to less positive representation for the wilderness in America.