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Comments: I strongly oppose this proposal. Bolts are imperative to climber safety, and are an extremely minimal impact to wilderness environments. Climbers are a key user and enjoyer of these spaces, and have a long and measurable positive impact on wilderness spaces. Think of companies like REI, Patagonia, North Face who are all inspired and founded by rock climbers who were able to practice this sport and lifestyle safely. Think of the tax revenues these companies generate, and the positive environmental impact these companies have, the livelihoods and jobs they create. Now think of the horrid crowding and pollution that the growth of the modern failing, yet NOI focused National Park system has created with all of their nonsensical rules and exclusive regulations.

To try to legislate restrictions on a sport with such a positive impact on the world would be backwards and not representative of the American spirit. Protect our wilderness areas by protecting rock climbing and rock climbing safety. Restricting bolting is restricting our freedom with a negative net impact on the world