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Comments: I'm writing today with concerns about the proposed legislation.

I am a climber. I am a wilderness enthusiast. These are not incompatible positions.

While I support policies and restrictions that would preserve the integrity of natural wilderness areas, climbing is a legitimate use of wilderness areas and this legislation is potentially too overreaching.

I would support procedures and permits for bolting in wilderness areas so long as the committees overseeing requests for permits, and issuing permits, are 1.funded well enough to support a reasonable system of requesting/issuing permit, and 2. Ran by folks who understand the sport.

Submitting permits to gov employees who may not care about climbing, or understand the risks involved, could be disastrous. We can surely find some reasonable middle ground here.

Please consider these remarks.

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