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Comments: Climbers are a part of a community that is committed to many values, two being safety and wilderness preservation. There are many concerns about the proposed bill. Climbers rely on bolts and fixed gear for increased safety precautions. Bolts can help protect areas of climbs that might not otherwise be protectable in causing an injury-producing or fatal fall. Anchors with bolts can provide safer climbing. The proposed bill not only impacts the climbing community but the communities and businesses supported by climbers. In addition, the proposed bill also does not address funding initiatives. While I agree with protecting the wilderness, I believe this proposed bill has deficiencies, unnecessary restraints, threatens funding of individuals and communities, and most importantly, impacts the safety of climbers and other individuals within the wilderness areas. I believe another bill could be proposed that would benefit both wilderness preservation and the climbing community.