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Comments: Hello. As a climber of approximately 25 years, I've seen firsthand the disparity in how climbers use and reset the wilderness, when compared to the average non climbing user of the wilderness. Climbers are extremely cautious and respectful of the wilderness in nearly every case, and their impact is relatively small. Bolting does not significantly alter the wilderness and I believe it is a new positive. It allows passionate users to access the outdoors in a relatively safe manner. It allows new climbers to be more safely exposed to the wilderness, and they often become nature's strongest advocates. They organize trash cleanups, raise and donate money, and reduce their carbon footprint. Keeping climbing safe and accessible with bolts only helps preserve our wilderness areas on the whole. Thank you,

Cory