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Comments: Hello, I am writing to express my thoughts on the proposed bolt prohibition in America's Wilderness Areas, as detailed by the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). I understand the importance of preserving the natural environment, and I believe it's crucial to strike a balance that accommodates both conservation efforts and the needs of the climbing community.

Bolting has historically played a significant role in enabling SAFE and responsible climbing activities contributing to the enjoyment of our nation's wilderness areas. I urge careful consideration of the potential impact this prohibition has on responsible adventurers, outdoor enthusiasts and local economies that depend on climbing-related tourism.

Speaking personally, Climbing has become a very important passion of mine that contributes to my entire mental and physical health. The devastation that comes from no longer being able to participate safe and responsibly is unimaginable.

It is my hope that the USFS will engage in a comprehensive dialogue with the climbing community to collaboratively develop solutions that address environmental concerns while allowing for responsible climbing practices. This way, we can ensure the sustainable enjoyment of these precious natural resources for generations to come.