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Comments: I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed bolt ban.

I climb in national parks, as well as in wilderness areas.

In both of these settings, bolts and bolted anchors allow safe exploration and passage in this terrain. Most of the climbs I have done require rapelling. If bolted anchors were banned, these climbs would either be unclimbable, or the ability to get off the rock would be very dangerous, likely relying on old tat (old slings), trees, or pitons.

My main opposition to this proposal is that bolts are critical for safety in rock climbing.

Please do not ban the use of bolts in either wildernesss areas or national parks.

Thank you for hearing my position.

Best,

Damian Trujillo