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Comments: Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)) should not be used to regulate the climbing community and more importantly the safety equipment used therein. Restricting bolts and anchors is a serious and potentially dangerous undertaking. The climbing community for decades has managed routes independently and ensured the safety of those involved using permanent and almost unnoticeable gear. Adding government oversight from an already underfunded agency would only add to unsafe climbing conditions and deaths. The climbing community is a beacon of accessibility and purpose for all that contribute. I have personally seen climbers give back their time and resources to maintaining and improving the outdoor infrastructure that we have all come to know and love. It would be a tragedy to see such a blow to the community and accessibility of such an amazing sport. I will leave you with this: You wouldn't draft a bill to ban motorcycle helmets so why would you draft one to take away my safety equipment.