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Comments: What is the problem this proposal is attempting to solve? I was a back country hiker for decades and never noticed bolts or other rock safety gear until I started climbing. Permanent protection is often required for climbing but has negligible impact on nature or other wilderness users. There are also existing methods of controlling climbing & route development: existing climbing policies, permitting systems, power tool bans, seasonal closures, and cultural closures.

This proposal will also reduce the number of people interacting with public wilderness and thereby decrease environmental interest (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8305895/>). This is especially true since it targets climbing, which is growing in popularity due to the Olympics, movies such as Free Solo, and the rise of climbing gyms. The federal government would be better served by turning this interest into a healthier, happier, more environmentally conscience electorate.