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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

My name is Marc Gay. I grew up in Boulder Colorado and have been enjoying Wilderness areas since I was a Wee Little Tike. As the years have passed, the restrictions on these Public Lands have become more and more restrictive. That said, I am well aware of the increased quantity of Users has also increased.

I started Rock climbing in 1982, in Boulder CO. In that time period, I have had some of the best experiences in my life climbing in Wilderness areas. Many of the climbs in these areas have some fixed Anchors and protection bolts on the climbs. Without these protection bolts in place, these climbs would not be possible. The amount of impact these protection bolts incur on the Wilderness area is extremely limited. A large majority of other visitors to these areas are in many ways are unaware that the protection bolts even exist. They are located on cliffs and rock formations, off the ground. The impact seems minimal to the Wilderness area.

The build up of other Human aspects of Wilderness areas is much more impactful.

I.E. Off Road Vehicles, Paved roads, Ski Areas, Buildings just to mention a few. I have also seen Drill rigs in Certain Wilderness Location (Utah).

Compared to the many Human impacts in Wilderness areas, protection bolts on Climbs seems extremely minimal. In addition to that, Climbers are usually good stewards of the finite resources.

Please don't Ban the use of fixed Protection in Wilderness areas. This will allow future generation to continue to have life changing experiences of their own.

Sincerely

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