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Comments: I am in favor of the "Protect America's Rock Climbing" Act. As a former FS employee who often worked within Wilderness areas, fixed climbing hardware (including bolts) fits within my vision of what a Wilderness area is. Much like trail signs, toilets, designated campgrounds and parking lots, some "installations" can go a long way to reducing the human impact and preserving the wilderness experience elsewhere. Rather than reducing the tools and options available to preserving the wilderness experience, the FS should keep as many on the table as possible, and regulate those as needed.