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Comments: Climbing is an important use of land whether it be Wilderness, Forest land, NPS land or other land designation. Anchor replacement is critical for safety and it is essential that this continues to be allowed. Plans should certainly aim to leave minimal impact, and I believe most climbers would agree that anchors and any fixed or permanent hardware such as bolts should be concealed (painted to match the color of the rock for example) and left only when necessary for safety. Many routes that are bolted are done so in a very concealed and minimalist way that leaves them nearly impossible to detect, especially to the untrained eye. Not only is re-bolting ESSENTIAL for safety, but the addition of new anchors and bolts to new routes enables access to be spread across a larger area and spread out crowds and resources. Having a plan for enabling new routes to be put up is very important. Rock climbing gives people access to the outdoors, encourages education, and encourages preservation as well. Many rock climbers will donate, practice and teach LNT ethics, and fight to preserve the places they love so long as climbing remains safe and accessible.