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I would simply like to highlight that fixed climbing gear--bolts and anchors--often serves a crucial safety function. Given that power drills are already banned in wilderness areas, I doubt that over bolting is a serious issue, since all bolts will have been placed by hand drill. Many routes would simply be unclimbable without (some) fixed gear; others would become incredibly dangerous. When considering the impact on wilderness areas, you should also consider the impact of high-risk rescues and body recoveries. Maintaining reasonable safety for climbing, especially on historic routes, would in this sense be a way to minimize impact.