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Comments: Please take a step back and reconsider this proposal, as it is both misguided and short-sighted. This half-baked proposal is unenforceable, impractical, and unrealistic, and will not only create an administrative nightmare for NFS staff but will also harm relations between climbers as a user group and the NFS. Please listen to the Access Fund. While climbing organizations like Access Fund agree that the placement of anchors (particularly bolts) in wilderness should be overseen by land managers, they oppose the idea that anchors ought to be considered illegal unless proven otherwise. Please put this proposal on hold and instead allow The Protecting America's Rock Climb Act (PARC), which is explicitly designed to ensure sustainable climbing access in designated wilderness and enjoys significant bipartisan support, to move forward. Thank you.