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Comments: While I am not entirely opposed to all regulation of bolts, pitons, and other so called fixed installations in wilderness areas. The actual items themselves pose little to no actual harm to the area and the impact is in the traffic. It is quite likely the traffic will continue and the main impact of the fixed anchors will be less death, injury, and rescues - which do cause a huge impact. A properly set up metal rappel anchor is safe, compact, and durable with a minimal visual footprint. Compare that with the mess of slings of dubious safety that proliferate when the fixed anchors are not available - they are unsightly and much more dangerous. I personally know people that have been severely injured or killed due to anchor failure. The rescues and body recovery have far more impact than a bit of metal fastened to the rock. As usual the implementation of these rules will make all the difference, please make sure the rules are written so that the implementation will not completely ban essential safety equipment in wilderness areas.