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Comments: Fixed climbing anchors are fully compatible with Wilderness ethics and values. Rock climbing is a legitimate use of Wilderness lands. And this attempt to try to subject our ability as climbers to manage our own safety in Wilderness by re-defining bolts as "installations" would be a disaster for our sport and an administrative nightmare for you. I don't think you want to be legally held responsible for the installation and management of every fixed anchor in Wilderness. Please do not go forward with this idea. Bolts are inert, virtually invisible, and easily replaced or removed (and therefore not "fixed" in any real sense) objects that allow climbers to enjoy their rights to climb on public lands. They are necessary and fully compatible with Wilderness ethics and values. Thank you for your consideration.