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Comments: Thank you for allowing public comment on this issue. It is necessary to govern our climbing areas and keep them pristine. It is also important to responsibly replace and place climbing hardware to ensure the safety of climbers and the environment in which climbers recreate. Having safe bolts and anchors is paramount for that reason. There have been bolts placed where climbers have deemed them necessary for safety, which rangers have removed. In our area, that has resulted in at least 1 climber death. The placement of permanent climbing hardware should not impact the environment in which it is placed. However, it is necessary in some places and can be done responsibly. The climbing community and local climbing organizations should be able to do such or be consulted when those decisions are being made.