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Comments: Good morning. I am vehemently against bolts in the backcountry! I started climbing in 1971. I did my first lead in '72 with a full rack of pitons. In '73. I had transitioned to passive gear. A few years later, Friends were invented. Climbing gear was revolutionized in less than a decade! A decade is a fraction of a second, compared to the centuries that humans have been attracted to climbing mountains. It is my belief that one day, a piece of gear will make it possible to ascend a totally blank wall, safely, and leave no trace! And, by randomly placing bolts on new routes, we are depriving future first ascensionist's the opportunity to establish routes with the technology of the day. The same goes for fixed anchors. Whatever happened to "leave no trace?"