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Comments: I'm writing to express my support for the use of protection bolts and fixed climbing anchors in wilderness areas. Protection bolts and fixed anchors are compatible with wilderness experience and certainly less obtrusive than trails and other artificial constructions that are allowable in wilderness. They're also important for safety; a few bolts are certainly less obtrusive than a helicopter evacuation of an injured climber. Current proposals should be revised to allow their continued use in wilderness areas.