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Comments: Please do not disallow fixed anchors in wilderness areas. As a climber, canyoneer, and Ski Guide, I strive to live a minimalistic lifestyle, hardly ever placing any bolts. However in some canyons for emergencies I carry a bolt kit. Some of the things I have rappelled off in canyons leave much to be desired and cutting down on public placement of bolts is a disservice to the sport. Most/a large majority of us strive to live bolt free, but it's not always possible, and leaving the discretion up to the end user is the best solution, not adding bureaucracy to it.

I wholeheartedly agree that fixed anchors contribute to safety in many situations and in areas prone to overcrowding, like certain routes in North Cascades National Park, bolting would contribute to less accidents due to rockfall, establish clear lines of descent away from the standard ascent paths, and contribute to an overall safer mountain experience.

Thanks for the consideration.