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Comments: I respectfully submit the following comments with regard to the proposed prohibition of bolting in national wilderness areas.

As a supporter and proponent of environmental protection I expect a more responsible approach to environmental stewardship from the U.S. Forest Service. It is imperative that our limited tax revenues for environmental protection and stewardship be spent more effectively. If the U.S. Forest Service were to truly honor its mandate and be effective in preventing wilderness degradation then it could direct its attention and energy to numerous more pressing issues that are currently contributing to far more environmental damage than bolting will ever cause. Rather than add yet another layer of unenforceable legislation and bureaucracy with the proposed bolting prohibition, consider the following:

1. Additional fencing, signage, patrolling, volunteer ranger programs and many other means of reducing trail braiding, erosion and habitat loss throughout our US Forest Service and recreation area system.
2. Patrolling and enforcement of human waste removal, installation of toilets, limitation of vendors and other means of reducing impact.
3. Education, legislation and enforcement of exclusions to helicopter and other small aircraft forms of tourism over our US Forest Service wilderness areas. It has been well documented that this form of intrusion is harmful to songbirds and other forms of wildlife, AND is counter to the mandate of our US Forest Service system to establish and maintain the peace and tranquility of wilderness areas.
4. Education, prevention and enforcement of currently existing legislation such as bans on ATV use, grazing and overgrazing, illegal dumping, graffiti and numerous other abuses and misuses that are harming our wilderness areas.
5. Education, enforcement and other measures to counter social media inspired mass gatherings that attract thousands of individuals more focused on self-gratification than on respectful use of public lands.

In summary, there are numerous more pressing issues that the USFS could focus its attention on in order to truly honor its mandate to protect and enhance wilderness areas under its jurisdiction.