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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I feel that bolts in wilderness designations is one the most trivial of concerns. They are usually painted and rarely visible from the ground. In fact they are often hard to see, even when the climber is on the route.

As a a life long back country and wilderness climber, I see that bolts are generally a last resort and only put in when absolutely necessary, so they often save costly back country rescues.

Bolted anchors definitely save on costly back country rescues and even death, as they are the safest means of roped descents. Once again most climbers paint bolts or try hard to make them inconspicuous and they can almost never be seen from the ground.

Bolts and bolted anchors are an insignificant problem compared to the greater ones faced by national parks and wilderness areas. Climbers, the ones that use and need these bolts, are generally the only ones who see them.

Perhaps there are some needed guidelines, (Most guide books clearly spell these guidelines out.) but a prohibition is a draconian remedy to a problem that really doesn't exist.

Sincerely, Jack Clinton