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Comments: Climbing has long been a staple outdoor activity. Climbing anchors pose very very little impact and a very high degree of safety. When out hiking with friends, I often say, "look bolts! there must be some climbing here" to which they inevitably reply that they can't see them. simply put, bolts are not an eye sore for the public and can really only be seen by those who know where and what to look for.

Anchors have been a part of wilderness climbing for over fifty years and are not prohibited under the Wilderness Act. The proposed ban on fixed anchors by federal agencies overlooks decades of safe and regulated use, posing significant safety risks and hindering essential maintenance. Such restrictions not only threaten climbers' safety but also impede the exploration and enjoyment of Wilderness areas, potentially erasing significant achievements in America's rich climbing legacy. It's crucial to maintain a balance that respects both the climbing community's needs and the preservation of natural landscapes.

The climbing community has a long history of self regulation that has done a VERY good job of preventing over bolting and ensuring that areas remain rugged.