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Comments: Hi,

Climbing bolt anchors are essential for preserving the rock and the wilderness for future generations. People will rock climb no matter what, but on popular routes bolts allow many climbers to access a route or descend a route safely, without leaving a significant impact on the rock. Please reconsider this position so we may protect the natural treasures of our wilderness areas for future generations.

If you would like specific examples of this, when bolted anchors are not available on popular routes, trees and other natural features often are used and abused, and eventually are killed or damaged, these types of anchors are much harder to inspect and maintain the safety of, especially across a large wilderness area, and have led to the deaths of climbers all over the country. The visual and physical impact of climbing anchors is extremely small, and being expensive, are usually only placed where they are really needed, please reconsider this policy.

Thanks,

-Hank