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Comments: This proposal is flawed in several ways, and I urge the Forest Service to modify or rescind the proposal. This decision would go against decades of allowing bolts and climbers in wilderness areas. The current regulations work well in preventing unnecessary grid-bolting and excessive bolting by disallowing power drills, and also allow climbers to still develop new routes and keep the existing ones safe for the community to use. There's no reason to change this at this time. Additionally, these bolts are an integral part of a climbing safety system, particularly on routes where natural protection is sparse. Not allowing climbers to place and maintain bolts would present a massive safety concern on countless routes in designated wilderness areas, where rescue is already difficult, and maintenance is also already difficult. As climbing is considered a legitimate and appropriate use of wilderness areas, it is contradictory to then prevent climbers from using the wilderness areas in this way. Finally, a few bolts in wilderness areas do not threaten the character of wilderness. Non-climber users of these wilderness areas are extremely unlikely to notice or care about these bolts (especially as many are painted rock-colored before installation and far from trails and even the ground) and for climbers, many of these routes are part of a rich climbing history in the United States and some of the best and greatest routes in the world. Protecting these routes (which is directly threatened by this new classification of bolts) should be an important part of managing these areas, especially since climbing is a recognized and legitimate use of these wilderness areas.