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Comments: Dear USFS,

I am writing to you today about the recent draft for the Bolt Prohibition. As an active outdoors climber, bolts are an essential piece of safety gear. Whether its to rappel down, climb, or anchor yourself when standing near a ledge, this simple equipment allows us to enjoy the outdoors with a greater safety factor. Furthermore, without the ability to replace old bolts, a false sense of safety can be adopted and serious hazards could not be managed or fixed. Additionally, under the preexisting Wilderness Act, bolts are not considered to be illegal. While good practices should be upheld to protect the rocks, by prohibiting permanent anchors, you are threatening to erase America's history of climbing. Please reconsider your decision to upturn years of precedent and rich history. We are the ones benefiting from the preserved wilderness and we wish to keep enjoying it. Lastly, enforcing this new policy would be nearly impossible to enforce and create confusion on non-wilderness land with land holders and climbers. Further research should be done to each area before outright banning anchors and bolts. Thank you for your time.

-Nathan H.