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Comments: I have been an avid outdoor climber since 1980. The vast majority of my climbs over the last two decades have been in remote and wilderness areas. I personally believe that lines of bolts and multiple convenience anchors atop each route are a detriment to wilderness climbing and recreation and these intensively bolted areas should be viewed as permanent installations and removed. Bolts were once rarely used and the use of clean gear including friends, camalots, TCU's, stoppers, brass nuts (aka RP/HB's) helped limit the tracks that climbers left. Hand drilling limited the use of bolts but the cordless hammer drill and the adoption of "sport climbing" have only added to the proliferation of bolts in the outdoors.

Carry a rack and place the gear. Please do not drill a hole anywhere near where a clean piece will fit.

I do want to offer a correction I have read in USFS statements regarding ice screws and pickets used for winter mountaineering. Neither remains permanent after snow or ice melt. It would best to exclude these from consideration of "anchor" in the wilderness.