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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bolting ban in Wilderness areas in our country and on our public lands. I have been recreating in Wilderness for most of my life and have been climbing big walls in Wilderness for 20+ years. Banning the use of bolts in the vertical world in Wilderness will do nothing but ensure that the fixed hardware that we use will degrade and become a major safety issue. This is an issue that the USFS needs to understand better before taking any action that will impact exploration in Wilderness.

Regards, Sam Piper