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Comments: Climbing is an integral part of wilderness experience and exploration. Our public lands should be judicious about the proliferation of hardware that detracts from the experience of non climbers, but not so prescriptive that it makes climbing virtually impossible due to safety concerns. Public land managers should consider a middle ground where anchors remain but the proliferation of bolts, ie sport routes, is curtailed. I believe there'd be considerable support from the climbing community for this path forward, and climbers could even become allies to land managers to ensuring it is maintained.