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Comments: As a climber, I am against the classification of bolts and anchors as installations under the Wilderness Act. Climbing is an activity that predates the Wilderness Act of 1964 and is recognized as a legitimate recreational use of wilderness areas. I do not believe that the small number of bolts and anchors represents a risk to the character of these areas and certainly are not on par with other installations defined under the Wilderness Act. It is important to understand that sport climbs with bolts as the only protection that are located in front-country and non-wilderness areas and the climbing that happens in wilderness areas are very different in nature, and neither myself nor the community at large has visions of developing wilderness climbing areas anywhere near to the level of sport climbing areas. One only needs to look at the backlash from the community itself towards bolting that goes against the ethics we have for climbs in these areas. The wildness of backcountry climbing and the greater sense of adventure, discovery, and history are what draws us to climb in those areas. We love them as much as other user groups and want to keep building the relationships with land managers so that climbing can continue for many years to come.

Thanks,

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