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Comments: Hello,

As an avid rock climber I support the use of fixed bolted anchors in and outside wilderness areas but with one rule. Power drills for drilling bolt holes are only permissible outside of wilderness areas. Hand drilling bolts should be permitted in wilderness areas. My reasoning is this: if we allow power drills in wilderness areas, it could make it easy for people to make very large climbing areas which would negatively impact wildlife with crowds and the destruction of wildlife on cliffs including birds and vegetation. If we only allow Hand drilling in wilderness lands it would limit how much development that could occur (harder, slower, and most don't want to put in the effort) creating smaller climbing locations ideal for a wilderness setting and therefore not disturb wildlife as much. I have been a part of developing crags and have been climbing for 20 years and personally hand drilled bolt holes in wilderness areas and so feel my opinion is worth considering.