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Comments: I understand the thought process behind wanting stricter regulations on bolting within wilderness and other areas, but disagree on making it significantly harder for bolts to be replaced or added. Like any other man-made object within wilderness, Bolts have a lifespan. Due to the typically remote aspect of wilderness climbing, the routes receive less traffic, and news of a bad bolt or anchor may take longer to reach a position of authority. If there is a required system that climbers must go through to replace a bolt or anchor, more climbers may be put at risk before the bolt could be replaced. A system that I think would work better would be a license that allows people to replace bolts as the need arises, but it can be taken away if the climber does a bad job. This is one option if the forest service needs more regulation, but I would prefer that no additional regulation would be put in place