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Comments: It is my belief that, in the majority of wilderness areas, existing prohibition of power tools (if enforced) is a sufficient to ensure 'clean' and 'minimalist' development practices are followed. Hand drilling is HARD work and most of the time bolt heavy face climbs are not being completely drilled by hand.

I recognize this is not true everywhere (e.g. Yosemite, J-Tree) where accessibility and quality of rock motivates folks to spend more time drilling holes by hand. Additional oversight in these high impact area's may be appropriate. BUT it doesn't mean the other 90% of wilderness in the US, where such a permit process is less likely to get funded, would benefit.

In fact, in 90%+ of low traffic wilderness areas, I believe it is much more likely the proposal will obstructs appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas and violate the original spirit of the wilderness act.

Thanks,

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