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Comments: As a new climber who has long-enjoyed wilderness areas as a hiker and backpacker, I am in favor of fixed anchors in the wilderness. Just like a maintained dirt hiking trail or critical trail sign marking mileage that sends the hiker in the right direction, fixed anchors create safe access to wilderness areas that would otherwise not be enjoyed. Fixed anchors protect climbers from dangerous falls in areas where removable protection is not possible (a sheer rock face without a crack system), and rappel anchors not only prevent dangerous descent after completing a climb, but they also prevent climbers from impacting vegetation as they seek a way down from a climb in areas where trails have not been developed for that purpose. Fixed anchors are substantially unnoticeable unless you are on the climb looking for them-and even then it can be hard to see them. Many bolts are now painted to match the rock color, and overall they are far less visually intrusive than a hiking trail or trail markers which are found abundantly throughout designated wilderness. Fixed anchors are to the benefit of both land management agencies and climbers, and by prohibiting them in wilderness areas, we are endangering lives, increasing impacts to natural resources, and reducing access to wilderness areas that have been set aside for the enjoyment of the people.