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Comments: Fixed anchors (bolts) are essential for the safety of climbers in the wilderness. Most non climbers will never recognize a bolt is on a cliff face. If bolts are not allowed, climbers will leave colored cord that will be much more visible on rock horns, trees, and other features in order to rappel routes. In addition, in many cases climbers will use questionable and unsafe removable anchors in order to belay climbing partners. Unsafe anchors will lead to an increase in accidents. Also without the use of bolts, climbers will use more piton placements, which are removable but cause scarring and deformation of the rock. Land managers should consider the question: Do you want limited numbers of bolts in the rock, or an increase in injuries and death?