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Comments: Permanent fixed climbing anchors, like bolts and pitons permanently pounded into Wilderness rock faces, diminish an area's wild character. Such installations are lasting signs of human development, and they also attract and concentrate use which is detremental to wilderness areas. On the other hand, rock climbing without permanent fixed anchors is generally compatible with wilderness preservation. Using removable protection like slings and chocks is also generally compatible, and these are what should be used in wilderness areas, rather than permanent fixtures like anchors and bolts. Please uphold wilderness standards as spelled out in the National Wilderness Act. Thank you.