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Comments: The definition of Wilderness is to protect Wilderness in its natural, untrammled state. There can be climbing without fixed anchors. I oppose decimating Wilderness simply for recreation enjoyed by a few. Natural limits on use is not a bad thing when it comes to wilderness protection, particularly with the recent explosion of outdoor recreation uses in Wilderness.

For those climbers seeking developed climbing opportunities, there are ample permanently bolted climbs outside of Wilderness.

Wilderness is an endangered landscape. Less than 3 percent of land in the Lower 48 is protected as Wilderness, and it is under threat, including from rapidly escalating recreation pressures.

Please do not give in to these unique recreational pleasures!

thank you,
dr kathie kingett