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Comments: Hello Land Mangers-

I would like to point out that the issue at hand is about installations (bolts) allowed in Wilderness Areas, and I'd like to point out that the land management agencies already allow a long list of installation types in the Wilderness. Climbing bolts would be possibly the smallest, least impactful type of installation allowed in Wilderness. Most of these installations listed below are far more invasive and have more of an impact than climbing bolts do.

These installations that are already allowed in Wilderness:

Trail bridges - small footbridges over streams and rivers to facilitate hiking trails

signs - informational signs at trail junctions and area boundaries

pit toilets/outhouses - basic restroom facilities at trailheads and backcountry campsites

bear-proof food storage boxes - metal lockers to store food away from bears

scientific/weather equipment - air quality monitors, wildlife cameras, meteorological stations

fences - to manage grazing allotments and mark boundaries

water bars - log or rock structures on trails to prevent erosion

gates - at trailheads and road access points

monitoring equipment - stream gauges for research purposes

shelters - basic backcountry structures for emergency cover

bridges - larger structures for vehicles across rivers when roads pre-date wilderness designation

Culverts- Metal pipes to convey water under roads and trails

Why not allow for a regulated amount small metal bolts way up on mountain cliffs that no one can see but a few climbers who use them? Thank you for considering small metal bolts in obscure places to be installed.

Thanks you!