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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I am a recreational rock climber and volunteer mountain rescue crew member living in the cascades of central Washington state. I think that it is totally fine for us to have a real conversation about how and why bolts are used. I do not think that a blanket limitation on bolting, anchors, and fixed hardware makes too much sense. I think bolts and anchors add a massive safety margin to commonly climbed routes, are very helpful in mountain rescue situations, and have a much smaller impact on the environment and on people's. I personally am fine with hand-drilling bolts in wilderness areas to limit their number. In short, I really really really do not think that bolting or not bolting on our public lands is the biggest fish we have to fry. I think we should be talking about getting folks out into the wilderness, improving access for underserved populations, maintaining and sustaining our trail systems and access points. Some bolts are a very good good thing, no need to remove the ones already there or prevent the aging ones from being updated. Thanks for considering my comments in this conversation.