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Comments: Bolted climbing and fixed anchors should be allowed in wilderness areas. These installations are critical for use by search and rescue operations. They have minimal environmental impact: much less than a hiking trail, which are allowed. It would be overly burdensome to have each bolt approved by a federal agency, and designating bolts and anchors as permanent installations will hurt climbing access and safety, resulting in less safe climbing (and thus more need for search and rescue, which won't have proper safety measures.