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Comments: When making decisions about climbing access, please keep in mind that drilling permanent bolts will cause damage to and scarring of rock faces in Wilderness Areas and National Parks.

Sport-bolted routes publicized on social media are likely to create new social trails and other recreation-related impacts deep in our Wild Areas and encourage climbing clubs and guides to stash equipment near popular climbing sights instead of carrying the gear in and out each time.

Allowing permanent climbing equipment would open the door to other special interest groups that want to carve out uses in Wilderness Areas and National Parks for their own sports.

The needs of each park and its unique environment must be considered in allowing permanent equipment and access to high impact sports. It's worth valuing the protection of wild areas for everyone over a specific group's desire for sport.

If you can't safely climb a rock wall without fixed bolts, leave it unclimbed.