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Comments: Climbing predates the wilderness act, and should be treated as a grandfathered activity like hiking and horse packing. Bolts are lower impact, and require less state maintenance than trail systems.

Bolts and other fixed anchors make climbing safer, and help constrain the use of public resources for rescues and maintenance.

The proposed changes would create confusion and fractured expectations for land managers and climbers, and cause higher risks for wilderness land managers.

Climbers have done a great job of managing bolts in wilderness areas, self governing and adjusting approaches as time has marched on.

Exploration of wilderness through climbing is an established and reasonable use of wilderness, and bolts allow that to happen safely.