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Comments: As an avid climber and wilderness traveler for nearly 5 decades I appreciate the willingness to keep the wilderness wild. However, fixed protection in wilderness zones can, and typically is, done in a manner that is not only non-intrusive (can you see the bolts on the Grand Teton?) but also aids in one's ability to enjoy the setting in a safe manner. Allowing fixed protection does not impede access or distract from the beauty of wilderness settings. Not allowing fixed protection does create imminent safety hazards for everyone from climbers, skiers, hikers, and general wilderness travelers by impeding their ability to manage travel in high consequence terrain. Fixed protection leaves far less impact than trail systems and human trash while allowing for intimate, life affirming experience far from the masses. In today's society these experiences are both harder to find and more sought after than ever.