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Comments: Do not prevent climbers from accessing public land. Responsible bolting does not harm the environment. Responsible bolting gives tax paying citizens the ability to access their mountains. I am tax paying citizen and you do not have the right to take access away from me, or put me in harms way, by eliminating bolts. Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. Following existing climbing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors for more than a half century will do more to protect Wilderness character while providing for primitive and unconfined Wilderness climbing. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new guidance policies prohibiting Wilderness climbing anchors across the country when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Climbing and exploring the mountains is the focus of my life and some many others, do not threaten that by eliminating our ability to climb safely. This is utterly shameful.