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Comments: Dear Sirs,

As a climber for 48 years I seen little detrimental aspects of bolting for climbing. Bolts for both protection and fixed belays have been essential for safe climbing.

Visually, bolts are many times actually difficult to see and can be replaced after many years of use with no further damage to the rock.

Climbing is now one of the major users of wilderness areas, far less visible then many other uses. The ability to place and maintain bolts is essential for safe climbing.

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