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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to voice opposition to the inclusion of climbing anchors as permanent installations in wilderness. To call small bolts "permanent installations" is ridiculous. The bolts are most often invisible to anyone except climbers, introduce minimal impact on the environment, and are a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly option compared to others. If there aren't safe options for ascending or descending, it is common for climbers to leave behind pieces of webbing, cord, or other materials. These materials are far less permanent, subject to degradation, and often, multiple parties leave behind their own material, leading to a far larger amount of material when compared to a few bolts that can be used multiple times, and last for years.

I would also argue that increasing the difficulty of access for climbers does more harm to wilderness on account of fewer people caring for these places. Climbers have first-hand knowledge why these wilderness areas are special and should be protected. By de facto locking people out of wilderness, fewer people will care about its protection. Without the will of people to preserve it, wilderness will become less of a priority and easier to dispose of.

I encourage you to maintain the status quo and continue to allow climbing bolts without being subjected to any review.