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Comments: Hello. Please stop this ill conceived plan on bolt use in wilderness areas. As a former NPS employee and SAR team member, I feel this plan is short sighted, not actually in keeping with wilderness values, and will put climbers at risk more often. The idea of a review process for existing anchor replacement is particularly troubling. Climbers (and SAR personnel) rely on permanent or semi-permanent anchors to get down safely from climbs. To find one in the wild and not be able to replace it without review is 1) untenable, 2) unmanageable for your staff, and 3) likely unenforceable. It will create criminals out of people who are simply trying to stay safe. Climbing anchors in wilderness are a historic use, and no more should be considered a trammel than an already impacted campsite. Climbers do an excellent job of policing themselves in these matters. Do not add to your already burdensome management of wilderness areas by adopting this plan.