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Comments: As a recreational climber and professional conservationist by profession (agricultural and environmental consultant) I oppose changes to current status of bolt management on climbing routes in Wilderness areas and Federal lands as a whole. Climbers are an important user group and a population of conservation partners. Bolting can be adequately managed by local Federal entities and climber organizations and communities. Limited bolting, adhering to best practices and cooperative management, provides for the safe passage of climbers through or off of climbing routes, as if they were vertical trails. Bolts are minimally present and only visible within a few feet of their locations. The average wilderness traveler would never know they were there.

In summary, I oppose defining fixed anchors as installations and the banning of bolts from Wilderness. I believe federal land managers, climbing orgs, and the greater community can manage fixed anchors and allow for continued safe climbing and Wilderness enjoyment. Thank you.