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Comments: A bolt ban in wilderness is unsafe and will result in increased trash in Wilderness. Climbers will continue to go into wilderness regardless of bolt prohibitions. Wherever climbers go they will leave things behind the choice is either a bolt that will last a generation or climbers leaving behind webbing or cord, this cord will rot in the elements, also posing a safety hazard. Climbers will continue to leave this webbing behind, often brightly colored it will be an eye sore to viewers of these crags and peaks. Bolts can be painted to match the cliff face to better blend in.

If you truly want to preserve wilderness character focus on limiting the use of power drills to install bolts. This will limit the amount of bolts placed to begin with. Curtail bolt heavy climbing styles and routes while still allowing for safe access to America's best climbing mountains