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Comments: Thank you for your concern for the wilderness. I have been climbing for 12+ years and have enjoyed wild places since I was a child. Most climbers in the wilderness have shared values with the forest service in terms of protecting the wilderness. That said, I am uncertain about the need for increased regulation. NPS Director's Order 41 §7.2 sets agreed upon principals. I am not aware of any pandemic of gross violations that would require increased oversight by NPS. Is it not possible to simply enforce current regulations?

If the forest service is committed to written permits for bolt activity, is there no room for collaboration with local climbing organizations? Climbers themselves are in the best position to judge whether a bolt is necessary. Collaboration and self-regulation can keep bolts rare in the wilderness. It obviates the cost and manpower called for by increased oversight. Let's work together so that the forest service can devote it's resources to other issues.

Thank you for all you do. Have a great day!