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Comments: I am a strong proponent of Wilderness and the protections surrounding that classification and protection however, I oppose the recent proposals that would bring changes to the current procedures for fixed anchors and Equipment in both NPS and USFS Wilderness Designated areas.

The better approach would be better management and authorization for new routes and maintenance and replacement of old dangerous anchors and bolts.

Placing a national bolting moratorium is not the answer. Each National Park and National Forest should be allowed to manage the fixed anchors and fixed bolt policies according to the issues of that area.

Some of those issues of course are impact, trail development, waste disposal and over bolting or poor bolting. In my experience these are the common issues with managing public land and managing multi-users.

I'm unclear what problem this draft proposal seeks to solve, and in my opinion prohibiting fixed anchors and bolts will cause more issues not less.

The current procedures for climbing anchors and bolting works, the approach should be refining those procedures to address some of the current problems specific to the areas that they are occurring and not completely changing the guidelines.

Thanks

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