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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I regret that I did not set aside enough time to personalize my addition to the many, many voices calling for reconsideration of these new guidelines. As an active climber who frequently recreates in backcountry and wilderness areas, I support the ASCA's stance on the new guidelines. In particular:

I am against a ban on anchor placement and maintenance.

This includes bolts, but also includes other pieces of fixed hardware that are sometimes left behind by climbers as an emergency measure. I do support the regulation of bolt placement and route development in wilderness areas, but I believe that this regulation should be self-imposed by the climbing community.

Currently, routes in wilderness areas must be developed ground up and all bolting must be done by hand. To me, this seems like a reasonable restriction intended to maintain the pristine nature of wilderness areas. As the climbing community grows these regulations may need to change, but a blanket ban on fixed climbing equipment is not the answer.