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Comments: As an advocate for wilderness areas and their spirit of untouched ground to be experienced without clear human intervention I've often grappled with the use bridges, bear boxes and signs in wilderness areas. But as a human being entering and enjoying those areas for the thrill of adventure, such installations have been a good example of understanding exceptions that serve the most good. This bill not only removes more examples of good exceptions but it would also invite vigilantes from both side of the line to take matters into their own hands (i.e. installing or chopping bolts without permission). For this reason among others I think that a better approach would be to encourage the ethics that the managing organizations would like to see be spread through awareness campaigns and educational materials. Outside organizations should be involved and partnered with, not unlike Leave No Trace and their efforts to partner with state and federal land managers to best serve the population in which they are interfacing.