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Comments: Not allowing bolted anchors in Wilderness areas is a safety issue. Many climbing routes were established years ago, so climbers will continue to visit those areas where climbing is an appropriate activity. Not being able to replace bad anchors,  which the climbing community takes on at their expense,  puts climbers in danger of serious physical harm. It also puts rescue personnel at risk when they are called to rescue climbers.

Park managers should have the authority to approve climbing areas within their jurisdiction,  and to dictate best wilderness practices including camouflaging bolt hangars and hand-drilling bolts.