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Comments: I would like to address the misleading comments from wilderness watch. They are conflating bolted anchors in wilderness areas with bolted climbs (ie sport climbs) and miss-use quotes from famous climbers. To make a decision on this issue one must understand the difference between bolting small inconspicuous anchors at 200 ft intervals and placing bolts along the length of the climb (sport climbing). Climbers do not advocate for sport climbing in wilderness areas, however we do believe bolted anchors are needed where summits do not have a retreat options that involves hiking. The anchors allow climbers to rappel back down the cliff without leaving and ropes, slings, or gear behind. The anchors will allow less impact, rather then encourage more as is the narrative pushed by some.