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Comments: I write to voice my comment that a prohibition on bolts and fixed anchors in wilderness areas is a bad idea. A bolt prohibition would make climbing in these areas extremely dangerous and will lead to many serious injuries and deaths of climbers and search and rescue members. Bolts and fixed anchors have extremely minimal impact on the environment, much less than permanent trials or signs. And they are integral to the activities of rock climbing, mountaineering, and hiking. All of these activities have a rich history in wilderness areas and encourage many people to get outside and explore the outdoors.