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Comments: I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed change to make it more difficult to place bolts and fixed anchors in the wilderness. Bolts and other fixed anchors:

- 1) are low impact - They are very hard to see unless you are pretty close.
- 2) important for safety - It's much safer to a fixed anchor rather than webbing tied around a tree or similar temporary anchors.
- 3) reduce impact - Using temporary anchors like slings tied to trees impacts trees and other natural objects a lot more than a bolted anchor.
- 4) have historically been used in the wilderness - Many parks and wilderness areas have a long history of bolts used for climbing. Many people visit these places because of climbing.

Please don't implement this change in the rules for bolts and fixed anchors.

Thank you.