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Comments: Hurrah for keeping wilderness wild! I was mountaineering as a teenager in the 70's . No cell phones. Just your team going into a wild area and climbing what seemed like the best crag for the conditions of the day. If we got in trouble - we had to save ourselves. Excellent learning ensued. To place fixed bolts on the hairy climbs of the Picket Range would deny that opportunity to all kids to come. And for whom? The gym climbers who now want to notch their belts on the classics without ever serving the required apprenticeship under wild Mother Nature. I doubt this proposal would stop me from occasionally leaving a sling behind if chased off a summit by a thunderstorm. Please decide to leave these beautiful mountains as they were made. Thank you!