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Comments: It is my belief that, in the majority of wilderness areas, existing prohibition of power tools (if enforced) is sufficient to ensure 'clean' and 'minimalist' development practices are followed. Hand drilling is HARD work and most of the time bolt heavy face climbs are not being completely drilled by hand.

I recognize this is not true everywhere (e.g. Yosemite, J-Tree) where accessibility and quality of rock motivates folks to spend more time drilling holes by hand. Additional oversight in these high impact areas may be appropriate. Though, it doesn't mean the majority of wilderness in the US, where such a permit process is less likely to get funded, would benefit.

In fact, in the majority of low traffic wilderness areas, I believe it is much more likely the proposal will obstruct appropriate exploration of Wilderness areas and violate the original spirit of the wilderness act.

Thanks,

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