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Comments: Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. Non-Wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless and until analyses determine climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources.

My name is Paige Mundy. I am an avid climber and large supporter of the USFS. I would like to plead the case to not go through with the proposed changes to the policies that would make fixed anchors (bolts, pitons, slings) prohibited in America's Wilderness areas. Part of beginning of this country was founded on adventure. Especially in places like Yosemite, Rocky Mountain National Park, The Appalachians, and the local forests and parks all over the USA. Taking away the ability to continue to share the adventures of our ancestors and the new adventures of the futures goes against the adventerous spirit of America.

The climbing community brings a great deal of awareness to the preservation of these national treasures and often times are directly involved in maintaining these areas at no cost. As climbing grows as a sport it being awareness to how we should treat these beautiful places that mean so much to everyone. I for one did not understand the concept of taking care of our parks until I started climbing.

The climbing community has gone above and beyond to help where we can and taking away the right to the areas and to maintain our history is an affront to the help many in the climbing community have provided, often times at no financial cost.

Please let the climbing community to continue to have the adventures that so many before us and many after us will have by not letting this pass.

Thank you