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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.

Climbing hardware, bolts specifically, allow people to safely recreate in and enjoy our public lands in a responsible manner. They are not permanent and can easily be removed. They are not and should not be compared to a roadway or building structure, which permanently alter the landscape. Bolts guide climbers along a path, much in the same way a trail marker directs hikers towards a lake or a summit.

Is there a place for responsible management of climbing? Sure. Should we be entertaining bans on bolts and other draconian ideas? No.