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Comments: Please allow properly maintained climbing anchors on forest service lands. They are much safer than hastily rigged systems and a required feature for the descent of a cliff. If they are not maintained then it will be much more difficult and dangerous for a climber to descend from a cliff, leading to many more injuries and rescue missions in the future. The Access fund has this to say about fixed climbing anchors, and I agree with them wholeheartedly. I have used many fixed anchors myself throughout my years of climbing and have never been bothered by a tiny bit of metal or webbing that can hardly be seen at ground level.

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.