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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.

I have been climbing in the wilderness for many years, and climbing anchors are extremely difficult to spot from the ground. They're even difficult to spot while climbing sometimes. The only people that notice them are looking hard for them and almost certainly want to find them while they explore the vertical wilderness.