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Comments: Working with a non-profit that takes students climbing, we often use fixed anchors in wilderness areas. Prohibiting fixed anchors will create unneeded safety risks for our program and many others. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Please consider not restricting the use, restoration and new installation of fixed anchors.

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.