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Comments: USFS,

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.

Non-wilderness outdoor recreation on public-owned land is what creates diverse, inclusive opportunities for a wide variety of sporting and outdoor enthusiasts. This list includes mountain biking, dirt biking, fishing, hunting, atv riding, firewood harvesting, bird watching and more. It is a slippery slope when a government starts to restrict access to land that US taxpayers work to fund. I vehemently oppose this policy overreach of the US Forest Service, as you will be putting thousands of US citizens in danger of death.