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Comments: As a climber and outdoor enthusiast, being able to use climbing bolts outdoors has been unfathomably enriching for my life. It enhances many of my outdoor experiences beyond measure, helps me access parts of the world that are otherwise inaccessible and contributes to my physical health and personal fulfillment. I consider myself a responsible steward of the outdoors, and I use bolts safely and responsibly-including not using them when prohibited (e.g., if birds are nesting nearby). If I were ever to establish a new route myself, I would do so responsibly. The vast majority of climbers I have ever met in my 8 years of climbing has taken the same approach. 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.