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Comments: Dear USFS,

As a dedicated, professional rock climber for over 25 years, I wish to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed prohibition of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas.

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.

Please reconsider this proposal. Let us collaborate on a climbing management policy that upholds protecting access to these special wilderness spaces and the significant climbing legacy in the United States. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Abbey Smith