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Comments: Please be reasonable while considering new guidelines for wilderness climbing. For over 50 years the unrestricted, reasonable use of fixed anchors has been allowed in wilderness areas throughout the USA. Crafting a law that would ban and retroactively disallow fixed anchors seems irrational, unsafe and not in the spirit of exploration that wilderness areas have fostered for decades. Please continue to allow the use of fixed anchors and help preserve and promote the great history that rock climbing has in our wild lands. 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.