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Comments: Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climber's safety and imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of these anchors puts our safety at risk. Furthermore, prohibiting these anchors obstructs appropriate exploration of wilderness areas and threatens America's rich climbing legacy. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to prohibit anchors when they have allowed, managed, and authorized fixed climbing anchors for decades. Finally, restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" is unenforceable and will create confusion. Non-wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunity for new anchors unless it is determined climbing should be restricted.