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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Exploring wild places is in our nature as people. We are driven to climb mountains and explore new places in our backyard. If fixed anchors are banned in wilderness areas, climbers are at serious risk and we are only discouraging the next generation from exploring these beautiful places.

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.