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Comments: I'm a traditional climber and land steward in southwest Colorado. I went to Colorado State University and studied natural resources management. I am so disappointed to learn about this recent proposal and I support the solutions put forward by Access Fund. Climbers are some of the biggest advocates for wilderness areas and attacking them seems really misguided. I know the wilderness act inside out and I believe climbing is actually promoting and preventing wilderness. I think your efforts would be better spent on limiting number of people using wilderness and educating people who rarely use wilderness about the important of it since most Americans have very little idea of what a wilderness designation even means. I've spent the last 17 years in wilderness all over Colorado and have seen people from cities and out of state do some terrible things including poaching, building permanent structures, leaving fires burning and the list could go on. But never have I seen wilderness climbers misuse the land. I have copy and pasted the suggestions from the Access fund below and I sincerely hope this proposal does not continue.

* 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.