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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed restriction on establishing new climbing routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands. I believe that such a restriction is unenforceable and has the potential to create confusion among both land managers and climbers.

The policy, as it stands, lacks clarity and could lead to misunderstandings in its implementation. Restricting the establishment of new routes solely to "existing climbing opportunities" may not provide a clear framework for decision-making and could result in ambiguity for both those managing the land and those engaging in climbing activities.

I propose that non-Wilderness climbing management policy should prioritize maintaining opportunities for new anchors, allowing for flexibility and adaptability. Analyses should be conducted to determine whether climbing activities need to be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources. This approach ensures a more informed and nuanced decision-making process, taking into account the specific conditions and requirements of each area.

By maintaining opportunities for new anchors, we can strike a balance between fostering climbing experiences and addressing the conservation needs of cultural and natural resources. It is crucial to approach climbing management with a comprehensive and adaptable perspective that allows for responsible decision-making while preserving the essence of climbing activities.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and urge you to consider a policy that is clear, flexible, and conducive to both climbing enthusiasts and the preservation of our valuable natural and cultural resources.