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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

As a citizen of the United States, Public Land Owner, California taxpayer, Social Worker, and recreational climber, I am concerned that restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness land will create confusion amongst land managers and climbers. For that reason I strongly advocate against this policy. 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. Climber's like myself rely on the establishment and maintenance of fixed anchors to recreate safely.

Kind regards, Ashley Bird, MSW, ASW