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Comments: As a member of the Harvard Mountain Club, American Alpine Club, and formerly the Mountain Rescue Association, I am staunchly opposed to the proposed FSM2355 policy for the following reasons.

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.

Although managing wilderness is important, this proposal will cause more harm than good and better proposals should be developed instead.