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Comments: I've been climbing outdoors with my kids and extended family for the last 10 years or so. It has been the main way our family has experienced and explored public lands and some incredible scenery. I'm concerned that the proposal will make climbing less safe and less accessible on public lands. Specifically prohibiting fixed anchors and bolts will increase the use of old installed gear or use of natural protection/anchors that are less reliable. The climbing community have been key users and stewards under the Wilderness Act. I recommend updates to the proposal at hand to exclude existing fixed anchors and the installation of new anchors for climbing and exploration as "prohibited installations".

The provision to allow new routes only in "existing climbing opportunities" seems difficult to define and I fear will lead to confusion and conflict with both land managers and climbers. Instead I we should maintain the ability to install new anchors unless analysis shows climbing should be restricted in an area to protect local natural resources.