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Comments: This posture on bolting for climbing has the potential to disrupt and damage a huge and thriving outdoor community in the United States.

It is unreasonable for federal agencies to create new and restrictive policies against bolting and fixed anchors when such equipment has been allowed and managed for decades.

Bolts, anchors, and fixed equipment are essential pieces of climbers' safety equipment. They are critical for life safety, and this policy will put the lives of climbers at risk.

Fixed anchors and bolts are unobtrusive and do not take away from the wilderness environment.

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.

Caves, karst, and canyons within wilderness boundaries require the use of bolts and fixed equipment for safe exploration and enjoyment. Restricting the use of bolts and fixed gear creates barriers to the enjoyment and use of Americas vast wilderness.