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Comments: 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.

There already exists adequate protections for cultural and natural resources amongst Department of Interior staff and the climbing/guiding community at large. I believe it would be inappropriate to make these new restrictions and not supportive of popular opinion.

Thank you for your consideration,

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