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Comments: I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed prohibition of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas and restrictive policies on new route establishments in non-Wilderness lands.

Fixed anchors are essential for climber safety and form a part of our national climbing heritage. The proposed prohibition in Wilderness areas overlooks their importance and compromises climber safety.

Additionally, limiting new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" in non-Wilderness areas is unenforceable and will lead to confusion. It is essential to maintain opportunities for new anchors, with analysis to protect cultural and natural resources.

These policy changes could negatively impact the climbing community and our outdoor heritage. I urge a reconsideration of these proposals, ensuring safety and clarity for climbers and respect for our natural landscapes.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.