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Comments: As a long time climber, outdoor educator, and guide, the publicity that climbing has received lately has been welcomed. However, the current legislative proposals on the table regarding fixed climbing anchors pose some challenges and risks not only to the climbing community, but also the future of outdoor education for our children.

I believe:

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.