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Comments: Hello,

Please do not prohibit fixed anchors for outdoor climbing. The removal of fixed anchors for new climbs will pose serious safety risks to climbers. It is unreasonable for federal agencies to make these restrictions now after they have allowed, managed and authorized fixed anchors for decades.

Not only will this make climbing more dangerous, this safety risk will stop many from traveling to remote locations which will negatively impact local business in rural areas. My wife and I recently traveled to Devils Tower, WY for a climbing trip. Without anchors, we would have never considered this trip as it would be too dangerous.

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.