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Comments: Fixed anchors are an important safety device for climbers and have been allowed for decades under the Wilderness Act. If additional regulation/approval process is required to replace existing anchors, that could create situations where they are not replaced regularly which would result in climbers using potentially dangerous gear. Restricting the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" adds confusion for climbers and land managers. America has a rich history of climbing and I urge you to allow that legacy to continue by not prohibiting fixed anchors. Thank you.