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Comments: In response to determining the impact and consequences of fixed anchors and development of new climbing routes my thoughts are as follows. Climbers are so much lower impact than other entities that have access to these lands such as loggers, miners, drillers. People who climb tend to be good stewards of the land. Id rather meet climbers on the trail than logging machinery. If people who climb no longer have this outlet they may not care as much when these lands come up on the bill for the next place to log or drill, and dont we need public stewardship with this circus of a government?

In addition to stewardship, the human spirit is another reason to allow climbers unhindered access to wild places. Testing ourselves on beautiful new routes keeps many of us from losing our minds as we sit at our desks all week. Climbing is a release, its a source of adventure, it gives us something to look forward to and work towards. As long as it doesnt hurt anyone I see no reason to keep climbers from being able to climb. Its an expression of freedom and a source of joy.