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Comments: Climbing is a sport enjoyed around the world. The US and the National Parks offer some of the best climbing and iconic ascents.

Prohibiting the use of fixed anchors would create life and safety concerns for climbers. It is essential to be able to continue to use fixed anchors to maintain existing climbing areas.

Use of fixed anchors has been permitted for many decades and a flourishing climbing community has been the result. It would be a shame to take that away and allow the US climbing legacy to decay.

At the least it should allow the continued maintenance of existing fixed anchors in established climbing areas. Perhaps the policy should be guided to prohibit in certain, non-developed areas if climbing is to be prevented there.

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.