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Comments: I appreciate that the proposed policies acknowledge climbing as an appropriate use of NFS land. The climbing community in Portland, OR (where I live and recreate) has a demonstrated record of working with land managers, including the NFS, to appropriately develop climbing opportunities while protecting land.

I do not support the language which limits the establishment of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands. This is unenforceable and will create confusion amongst land managers and the climbing community. 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.