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Comments: Please do not restrict the establishment of new routes. We need them! And trying to restrict this on non-wilderness land is going to create confusion (which can lead to people getting hurt!)

Please do not take down the old fixed anchors, they are historical parts of American climbing legacy. There are things in walls that have been there since first ascents. Getting to witness these things while climbing is special and unique experience.

Please, taking away fixed anchors or not allowing the placement of new anchors stops the people of this great country to be able to explore OUR land. This is our space to explore!

Please, more and more people are enjoying climbing, and we all want to be safe! Fixed anchors are a part of staying safe! Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.

Fixed anchors have been allowed for decades! And though they may not be used by all climbers, they are a great tool for safety in the mountains. You never know what you'll encounter, but being able to stay safe, is important.

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.

These beautiful and incredible lands belong to us, to the people. And we want to be able to experience their majesty and beauty and ruggedness climbing. Please do not take down fixed anchors that exist, it will make it unsafe. Please do not stop us from being able to put up new routes and make sure that people can be safe!! We just want to be able to recreate safely! Thank you!