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Comments: The use of fixed anchors in climbing is crucial for safety and has been permitted under existing policies for over 50 years, in alignment with the Wilderness Act. The introduction of new policies prohibiting fixed anchors nationwide is considered unreasonable, as federal agencies have historically allowed and managed such installations. Prohibiting fixed anchors may pose safety risks by hindering regular maintenance undertaken by the climbing community. Additionally, it could impede critical safety decisions and obstruct the exploration of Wilderness areas. The argument emphasizes the need for climbing management policies that protect climbing routes and preserve America's climbing legacy.

Restricting the creation of new climbing routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands is deemed unenforceable and likely to cause confusion among land managers and climbers. The comment argues for a non-Wilderness climbing management policy that allows for new anchors unless analyses establish the necessity of restrictions to protect cultural and natural resources.