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Comments: I just want to say that fixed anchors are such a vital piece of a climber's safety system. Everything else on the wall is unknown, left to the route, weather is so unpredictable. Fixed anchors should be regulated and updated to the highest capability on every climbing route. I am not saying we throw bolts on every cliff in the country. But as someone who lost a dear friend to a faulty anchor, I ask personally that fixed anchors be allowed on all routes and money to go into their upkeep.

"Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. 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..

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."