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Comments: My comments reflect the views of the subject matter experts at the Access Fund. Please allow climbers to self police through our local organizations. Our impacts are minimal in most situations and managed growth will help facilitate intelligent expansions where necessary. I've witnessed many other user groups exhibit much more destructive behavior in comparison (overcrowded campsites, ATV use, hunting) whereas climbers frequently sign up for trail days and cleanup activities to help make our approach low impact. Bolted anchors are essential for safety and reduce impact on vegetation and limit trails to only those necessary.

. 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.