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Comments: The climbing community is an amazing resource of knowledge and arguably one of the best groups fit to voice concerns about US Wilderness areas and recreating in these areas. Climbers are often the people who discover new areas and work with local officials to make things safe. We should honor this tradition and continue to have open and honest dialog on how we use these places.

I hope the NPS will take ALL of these comments into consideration and not make any hasty decisions that could impact future generations. We love and live in these outdoors, and we want them protected and shared with future generations - WITH the safety of fixed anchors.

One single climb could change a person's life and perspective - having the extra safety to enjoy these areas is critical.

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.