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Comments: Hi, my name is Jared Lenahan. I'm an athlete on the United States Paraclimbing Team, an Ambassador for the National Ability Center, a Move United Warfighter Ambassador, and a 10 year Navy Veteran (FMF Corpsman) and Wounded Warrior.

Rock climbing has saved my life and so many others. I utilize climbing as a tool to help other Wounded Warriors in the middle of recovery at Walter Reed.

I am completely against this new policy that could erase America's most iconic climbing routes while putting my and other climbers safety at risk. This policy would overturn nearly 60 years of sustainable Wilderness climbing precedent and impact some of America's most iconic climbs in Yosemite, Rocky Mountain National Park, Joshua Tree, Linville Gorge, the Wind Rivers, Sierra Nevada, and many others.

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.

Respectfully, Jared Lenahan