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Comments: I am writing to express my concern at the proposed inclusion of fixed anchors as a prohibited installation in Wilderness areas as impractical and a safety concern. As a rock climber, I am grateful to the Forest Service for your care and protection of our wild places, but would like to suggest the following feedback to the proposed policy to make it more practical, constant with existing policy, and reflective of the safety culture in the rock climbing community:

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.