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Comments: 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.

As an avid rock climber and outdoorsmen this proposed policy change is not something I can support as it will break longstanding precedent and put climbers in danger by forbiding them from maintaining existing fixed anchor or placing new ones responsibly. This would only harm wilderness areas and local econimies by not allowing climbers to recreate. As someone who has brought others climbing outside for the very first time my friends and family have experienced a sense of empowerment that they have not experienced before because of climbing.