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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read this regarding FSM 2355.

Sustainable wilderness climbing in America has been occurring in the past 60 years or so, and it has led to development of some of America's most iconic climbs, which attracts attention from around the globe. The shared experiences by people worldwide on these climbs have brought people closer, developed close-knit communities around a unique and common experience, and has added a great chapter in the vast book that is the outdoor experience. Personally, I believe it to be a great shame to step back and reverse on what I believe is a good thing.

With that said, I think restricting the establishment of new routes to existing climbing opportunities on non-Wilderness lands is unenforceable due to confusion amongst the land managers and climbers. The reason for this is that climbing opportunities is defined as "a user-created or primarily user-created dispersion area on NFS lands with no, minimal, or limited Forest Service investment or amenities where climbing may be performed." The standard is not well defined, and as such is nearly impossible to manage and enforce, while also restricting the bonuses mentioned in the above paragraph. The non-wilderness climbing management policy should maintain opportunities for new anchors unless analysis determines climbing should be restricted to protect cultural and natural resources. There is some issue with this as well, since only a few USFS climbing areas have an applicable climbing management plan to follow, so it is unclear if this standard also applies to wilderness anchors as well.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.