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Comments: Fixed anchors are necessary to exploration of our wild lands and public spaces. They are generally low impact, and do not promote overuse and traffic in wilderness spaces. The general public outside of the climbing community does not notice or see these items as they are not venturing from the beaten path.

High use climbing areas would become dangerous and eventually no longer utilized. If people lose touch with why they love nature, they will not fight to protect it.

Prohibiting fixed anchors will create safety issues by imposing unnecessary obstacles to the regular maintenance of fixed anchors, a responsibility undertaken by the climbing community. Critical safety decisions often must be made in the moment and any authorization process should not impede those decisions. Fixed anchor maintenance needs to be managed in a way that incentivizes safe anchor replacement and does not risk the removal of climbing routes.

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.