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Comments: Limiting the creation of new routes to "existing climbing opportunities" on non-Wilderness lands poses an unenforceable challenge and risks sowing confusion among both land managers and climbers. Policies in non-Wilderness climbing management should uphold the potential for new anchors unless rigorous analyses conclusively determine that climbing restrictions are imperative to safeguard cultural and natural resources. This nuanced approach ensures a balance between preserving the environment and fostering the spirit of exploration within the climbing community.