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Comments: Dear USFS

Please reconsider a blanket ban on fixed anchors and equipment with respect to climbing on USFS managed lands.

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. I absolutely believe that cultural and natural resources should be protected, but this should be done on a case by case basis rather than a blanket ban.