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Comments: The NFS should not try to remove any climbing anchors from public land! Fixed anchors are an essential piece of climbers' safety system and are not considered prohibited "installations" under the Wilderness Act. The NFS should continue to follow existing policies that allow judicious use of fixed anchors. The NFS should continue to protect Wilderness character while simultaneously maintaining Wilderness climbing. I find it completely unrealistic that the NFS would be able to adequately manage climbing anchors; anchors which NFS uses and anchors that the communities have not needed managed.

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.