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Comments: I do not support this further attempt to exclude climbers from enjoying their outdoor activities. This effort will also limit search and rescue efforts in these areas where a solid protection point is needed to aid to extradite an individual. Sometimes a pin is the only thing your can use.

Some of these routes are historic, like Devils Tower, which has been climbed long before its designation. It can be argued that permanent anchors, and replacements, is part to the history of the site. At one time it had a ladder to the top.

So are you going to clean all the routes of old hardware, or leave them and have the liability when someone use them and they fail.

Stop trying to exclude people from their lands, especially national forest areas.