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Comments: First off, I cannot believe that this is even a proposal to begin with. There are SO many climbers, slack liners, cannoneers, and other recreationalists that rely on fixed anchors for their sport(s). Yes, I understand that "Fixed Anchors" alter the rock permanently, but so does carving HUGE heads into a sacred land of the Native Americans. If you don't know where I'm referring to, its the appalling defacing and destruction of a beautiful area in South Dakota, Mount Rushmore.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT thought that would be a GREAT idea. What a bunch of hypocrites. What's funny is, climbing has strictly be prohibited within close proximity of this atrocity. No climbing, but we can steal the land and carve what we believe to be important people? If you listen to the Native American side of the story, they asked MULTIPLE times that if this "Monument" was going to happen, they wish to have their Chief's face included. Obviously that never happened. They got Crazy Horse, but all based on donations.

I believe that most climbers fall under the mentality of leaving fixed hardware only if it deems necessary. Sport climbs seem to be their own animal.

I personally lost a friend back in 2020 in the Wind River Range of Wyoming due to anchor failure. She was rappelling off the classic Pingora, on a "Tat Anchor". (That hundreds of climbers use per year)

These usually consists of whatever cordage the climbers had on them to be able to descend safely. Since climbers have a mentality of redundancy, this is usually a number of different colors, types, and lengths of cordage/webbing etc. If said climbers feel that the tat has been weathered, or unsafe to rappel off of, you add some more to back it up. This becomes far more unsightly and unsafe than a couple very strong camouflaged anchor bolts. If that anchor were a set of bolts, she would be here with us right now.....

I could go on forever about this, but feel I've stated my point. We have enough restrictions on our "Public Lands" "Wilderness Areas" and "Open Spaces" as we call them here in Boulder County. Which I refer to them as "Closed Spaces" because you can't use them.

ENOUGH WITH THE RESTRICTIONS ON EVERYTHING!!!!!!! This is getting out of control.