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I had a Teton Tioga where I left the drag "tight" while stored. It was a 3 weight that sat for 18 months between use. When I used it, the drag was all but seized up. My buddy Josh had the same happen to him. Able to take mine apart and get it working again. Josh wasn't as lucky. His reel turns but it's like the drag is on full power 24/7. Since then, I abide by the rule on loosening the drag (urban legend or not).

30 seconds to loosen the drag versus 4 weeks / shipping / repair fee if you have to send it back to manufacturer. That's how I see it and my gear is in "storage" 95% of the year and haven't had any issues since doing it.