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Cover: World class bouldering in the Chihuahuan desert. The Access Fund continues to work on behalf of the climbing community to ease access restrictions and facilitate bouldering at Hueco Tanks. This fall, an Access Fund Adopt-A-Crag event will coincide with the launching of the new local climbing advocacy organization, Climbers of Hueco Tanks.

climber: Jason Keith
photographer: John Heisel

Letter from Sam Davidson

Hueco Tanks is a national treasure. The historical and cultural values of this area in west Texas are rare and marvelous. So are the recreational values—there is no other climbing area like Hueco in all the world.

The Access Fund has been fighting to keep Hueco open to climbing for ten years. With the help of local climbers, we have succeeded.

Three years ago, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department tried to close the entire park to climbing. Thanks to our intensive advocacy, most of Hueco is now open for climbing. However, the threat of more severe restrictions, even full-blown closures, is very real. That's why the Access Fund will remain vigilant and "on the job" at Hueco.

Hueco Tanks is an excellent, if frustrating, case study in the importance of strong climber advocacy. A decade of effort and expense, at both the local and national levels, were required to preserve access. The lesson: there is no quick fix to many climbing access problems.

In this issue, we provide a "Survival Guide" to climbing at Hueco Tanks. Don't be put off by the bureaucracy—the bouldering at Hueco is as good as ever. Just remember when you're there that all of us have a role to play in preserving access. Keep a low profile, be respectful of rangers and other visitors, and make sure you educate yourself about the fabulous rock art of the area—it'll enhance your overall experience. Please don't forget to tell other climbers that Hueco is open thanks to the Access Fund.

"And thanks to Sam Davidson! After more than a decade of hard work and perseverance Sam is leaving the Access Fund. We will miss his strength, wisdom and passion for our ideals. Please join me in wishing him the best of luck and success in his future endeavors," said Steve Matous, executive director.



New Access Fund Executive Director Steve Matous

The Access Fund Survival Guide to Hueco Tanks, TX

Thanks to years of strong advocacy by the Access Fund Hueco is open for climbing! Here are a few tips for making your climbing experience at Hueco more enjoyable.

Hueco has a long, and somewhat troubled, climbing history. A few years ago, climbing was nearly banned throughout the park, due to concerns about impacts to rock art and natural resources. Climbers did not help themselves by breaking the rules from time to time. *Please, obey all park rules, be respectful to park staff, and keep a low profile* (i.e. no cursing, yelling, or boom boxes). This will help the Access Fund improve access to areas of the Park currently closed.

Directions: Hueco Tanks State Historic Park is located in west Texas, near the city of El Paso. Head 32 miles northeast of El Paso on US Highway 62/180, and turn north on Ranch Road 2775. Follow signs to the park entrance.

Hours of Operation: Hueco Tanks is open 7 days a week, year-round from 8 AM to 6 PM during winter, and 7 AM to 7 PM (Fri-Sun) and 8 AM to 6 PM (Mon-Thurs) in the summer. You must be out of the park by closing time or you may be issued a citation!

Park Entry Requirements: Once per year, before you can climb at Hueco you must watch an orientation video to get a Visitor Orientation Card.

Reservations & Fees: There is a \$4/day entry fee for the Park. Those who visit Hueco more than 13 times per year may want to purchase the \$50 Texas Conservation Passport.

Before visiting Hueco you should arrange for two things: (1) camping, and (2) access. Both require reservations obtained from one of these two numbers:

- Hueco Tanks State Historic Park: 915-857-1135
- Texas State Park's Central Reservations in Austin: 512-389-8900

The Park is divided into two zones: the self-guided area (North Mountain) and the guide-only area (East and West Mountains). To go anywhere in the Park you'll want a reservation (only 70 people are allowed on North Mountain at one time, although you may get lucky and obtain a park entry pass as a walk-in – don't count on this during peak visitation periods



John Heisel

Self-guided access at Hueco is limited to North Mountain (pictured above). The Access Fund is working to ease restrictions elsewhere in the Park.

such as winter and spring holidays). For East and/or West Mountain you must reserve a spot on a guided tour.

Camping is available in the Park for \$10 per night—call the Park for reservations. Camping in the Park includes sites with water and/or electricity (\$2 more), and restrooms with showers. The disadvantage of staying in the Park is that it closes at either 6 PM or 7 PM (depending on the season) after which you can't leave your site. There's a 6 person and 2 vehicle limit per site—no fires or charcoal. Campers can only get reservations for 3 days in a row; otherwise campsites may be available on a walk-in basis.

Alternatives to the Hueco Campground include the nearby Hueco Rock Ranch, which offers camping and rooms. The HRR has a kitchen, slack lines, campfire pits, and a community room with a library and TV. Call 915-855-0142 for prices and availability. The venerable Pete's Quonset Hut (915-857-6336) is still open, and for a \$2.00 per night "donation" you can set up your tent there, with no amenities.

Access: To make sure you can get into the park, make a reservation in advance: 60 of the North Mountain slots can be reserved up to six months in advance, leaving 10 walk-in spots. If North Mountain is booked full, wait around at the entrance as the Park will free up slots when people leave and when people who have reservations don't show up. All reservations must be secured with a credit card to cover the \$4 entry fee. During the peak winter bouldering season, it's a good idea to camp at the Hueco Campground if you want to get one of

the 10 unreserved passes. If you don't stay at the Hueco Campground, you'll need to call Austin (512-389-8900) for North Mountain reservations; if you do stay in the Park they can reserve you a North Mountain slot there.

East and West Mountain Reservations: Access to East and West Mountains is allowed if accompanied by a state-certified guide. Guided tours are led either by volunteer guides, commercial guides, or Park staff, and can be scheduled Wednesday thru Sunday depending on guide availability. Tours are filled up on a first come, first served basis and are limited to 10 people. The Park allows seven guided tours at any one time. Call the Park to reserve a volunteer guide (915-857-1135).

Commercial Guides can also get you into East and West Mountains, but you'll have to pay a bit more. The advantage of a commercial guide is that these tours are tailored to your desires and you can stay out all day long. Call the Park for a list of current commercial guides and their contact information.

Park Staff occasionally lead bouldering tours when no other guides are available. These tours leave at 10 AM and only run for a couple of hours.



John Moses

Interview with John Moses, Hueco Tanks State Park manager by John Heisel

Heisel: In what ways has the situation improved here at Hueco Tanks since the moratorium on climbing in 1998?

Moses: Since I've been here we've been able to ease things off in terms of numbers, and we've had better success. We have over 8000 volunteer hours a year here.

Heisel: How many volunteers?

Moses: We carry over 70 on the roll, but you never have that many here at one time. One of the problems with guide training is that we do need more volunteers. The purpose of our volunteer program has been leading tours, guiding, and protecting the resource.

Heisel: What are your general management goals here at the Park?

Moses: Trying to make it more of a volunteer organization as much as possible. We have a lot

of user issues. We could be more customer friendly in more respects. We have a lot of enforcement issues, many of them are not totally under control yet. We do a bad job of selling the park. For a long time we have been trying to unsell the park. A lot of the Climbing magazines put out the word that Hueco Tanks was not open anymore.

Heisel: What are the management goals for climbing issues?

Moses: We're trying to put in a trail system to cut down on some of the social trails in the Park. That's one of the issues that climbers directly impact. There is a fairly high turnover in volunteer climbing guides. Commercial guiding has been very helpful to us. We're trying to lift some of the North Mountain access restrictions. I've been working with the AF [Access Fund] and Central Texas Climbing Coalition to try and get something here on a rebolting project for roped climbing on North Mountain. On East Mountain at the Dragon's Den, we're looking to revegging [revegetating] on that before we can lift any restrictions there. They're really only 13 specific sites in the Park that have closures. There's not a whole lot that's closed here.

Heisel: What is your impression of the Access Fund?

Moses: I know some of the relations in the past haven't been very satisfactory. There was an issue with grant money. I think climbers in general have felt that their views haven't been taken into account. As a caver I thought it was a group that was well focused. It is tough to work with funding issues because we're a state agency and it creates some complications. Hueco has kind of grown up around climbing and is regarded as one of the primo bouldering areas in the world. We wanted to be able to recognize that and too often I think we ignored it. It is a cultural site with a heavy cultural component that we want to protect but we have to recognize that there are other uses in the Park as well, but climbers say it's a sacred site for them as well.

Heisel: Do you think the relationship has improved between climbers and the Park since you started working here?

Moses: I can't take any credit for it, but I know at least things have been better since we've been on that path. We're always in the middle of one disaster or another that revolve around personalities or events. Sometime they're setbacks in that.

Heisel: In general has climbers' behavior

improved since the moratorium was lifted?

Moses: We have certainly had our share of night time visitors and fence jumpers. Some of those have been reeducated some other way. The climbers actually have been helping us with enforcement issues.

Heisel: How so?

Moses: People wander in the Park that shouldn't be here. Thanks to climbers we caught somebody with a chisel.

Heisel: It sounds like climbers are becoming more educated.

Moses: Yeah, the majority of them have always behaved well. Less numbers have helped us. The people here really like the place and that helps us. We need to educate climbers how the process works. It's a pretty simple process when a reservation is available.

Heisel: Do you feel like the conditions at North Mountain have improved since the moratorium was lifted?

Moses: The problem is that we have concentrated the impact there. There are a few impact zones—Grenade Boulder, Warmup Zone, Mushroom Boulder—that take a lot of visitors. We get a lot of people concentrating down here along the Front Side.

Heisel: Do you feel like impacts have gotten worse?

Moses: In a few of those sites, yeah. I don't know if we need to do anything about it but we need to monitor it and see how it gets.

Washington State Trip

In June, Jason Keith, Access Fund policy analyst, traveled to Washington State and met with officials in the Mt-Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the Wenatchee & Okanogan National Forest, and North Cascades National Park to discuss climbing-related management issues. The purpose of this visit was to be proactive in dealing with potential closures, management planning, and recreational impact issues.

Access Trails—A major issue on the Mt-Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is "user-built" trails (such as those that provide access to Mt. Baring, Forgotten Peak, Mt. Persing, and Mt. Shuksan). If such trails become seriously degraded, the USFS may have to limit recreational user numbers or close the trails entirely.

The Access Fund pledged to help with the trails issue by providing grant funding and collaboration on climber education and outreach.

Road Closures are also an issue on Forest Service land in Washington. Some of the exist-



Jason Keith

Road Closed? Maintenance on the last 2-3 miles of the Copper Creek Road accessing the Green Giant Buttress (Dreamer IV 5.9) near Darrington may be discontinued due to a lack of funding.

ing road system will be decommissioned while others will simply be "closed" through lack of maintenance. Near Darrington, the Copper Creek Road accessing the Green Giant Buttress is a road to be discontinued through "inaction" (it will no longer be maintained for the last 2-3 miles). Another road, which provides climbing access but could be closed by lack of maintenance, includes the Squire Creek Road accessing Squire Creek Buttress.

Keith also met with officials on the Wenatchee & Okanogan National Forest concerning climbing issues on the Leavenworth, Methow and Tieton districts. Issues raised include owl/peregrine nesting and migration, high use levels, erosion, and route "cleaning" impacts to sensitive plant species. In the next few years, the USFS may develop a climbing management plan for this forest.

Raptor Closures—Keith and Access Fund Regional Coordinator and Board Member Andy Fitz spoke with USFS officials regarding the Midnight Rock and Noontime Rock raptor closure. The mandatory raptor closure at Midnight/Noontime followed an experiment in which the USFS instituted a voluntary closure; unfortunately this was not honored by some climbers. The USFS then imposed a mandatory closure that was lifted in mid-July after the peregrine pair were no longer using the nest. The closure is noteworthy, and fully supported by the Access Fund, because it is one of the most flexible and least restrictive of all raptor closures the AF has dealt with.

Sensitive Plants—The Leavenworth office also expressed concerns that new route activity might impact the 50-odd sensitive plants found

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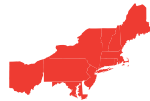
Area reports

SOUTHEAST Obed CMP Released, TN



The Climbing Management Plan (CMP) for the Obed Wild and Scenic River, the result of a long effort by Park Service personnel with extensive input from local climbers as well as other user and interest groups, has been released. Climbers have a long tradition of involvement at the Obed, including Access Fund Adopt-A-Crag events. Resource-responsible climbing and constructive relationships with Park officials and private landowners have played a role in the climber friendly nature of the final document. The new CMP allows traditional climbing and bouldering throughout the Obed. Once required studies are completed, new sport route development should be permitted within established climbing zones through a permit process. Per the CMP, this permit process will include climber input and involvement, and appears to support new route development absent specific negative findings of resource impact. The environmental and social studies mandated by the CMP are already in the works, with significant climber assistance expected. For more information see www.nps.gov/obed/pphtml/facts.html

NORTHEAST First meeting of the Gunks Climbers Coalition, NY



(Report by Chris Cook)

The first meeting of the Gunks Climbers Coalition was held at Rock and Snow on August 3rd. About 80 climbers turned out to hear Access Fund Regional Coordinator John Myers discuss his vision for an influential and constructive organization.

As a formative meeting, Myers facilitated a discussion about the following topics: the types of laws that may or may not be preventing access to different cliffs; acquiring cliff faces from private land owners; providing insurance for cliff owners who allow access; making coalitions with other regional outdoor organizations, and learning from their successes; attempts to discuss opening more climbing at Peterskill; and camping facilities. Basically the discussion swirled around how to make the climbing community's voice heard in the changing political and economic environment.



Chris Cook

About 80 climbers turned out for the first meeting of the Gunks Climbers' Coalition at Rock and Snow.

Among the attendees were representatives of the Mohonk Preserve, the American Mountaineering Center, and various guide services.

Volunteers are needed for help with data entry, fundraising, trail work, and working with various agencies on their management plans.

This is a critical time for climbing in this area as the number of visitors increases each year. Land in the area is elevating in price and strong political groups (some with anti-climbing policies) are competing with each other and private developers for control and ownership of large parts of the Shawangunk Ridge.

For more information, see www.climbnyc.com/home/gcc.html

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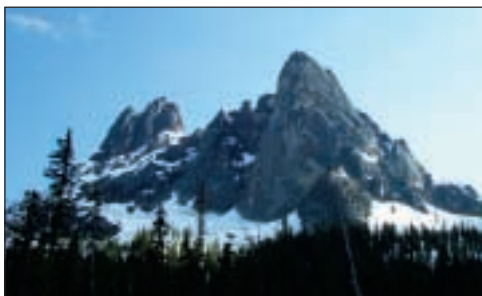
Conservation coordinator for Northern California wanted to initiate and manage volunteer conservation projects at climbing areas including trails and cleanups, Adopt-a-Crag events, distributing seasonal wildlife closure information, educational signs and brochures, and parking/sanitation installations. Experience in construction, natural resources management, project administration or volunteer supervision a plus. Work with volunteers, climbing organizations, public land managers and private landowners. Develop a prototype model for use in other regions nationwide. Requires self-starter able to work independently, motivate others and follow through to completion. If interested, email Paul Minault at pminault@earthlink.net

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 in the area—some of which tend to grow out of cracks. Six of these plants are near climbing areas such as the classic Castle Rock in Tumwater Canyon. New routes might be limited to protect these sensitive and rare plants.

Road Closures—The Leavenworth District will replace bridges up the Icicle Creek Road starting July 15, 2002. Eight Mile Road will be closed, thus greatly extending the approach time to the Enchantment Lakes area. The entire Enchantment allotment/quota (Alpine Lakes Wilderness) will be accessible through the Snow Creek Trailhead. The reason for the timing of the closure is because the USFS can't work in the winter, and because of conditions in their construction permit under the Endangered Species Act (impacts to the salmon spawning season).

Fee Demo—The Leavenworth District made a point of their commitment to enforcing access fee collection. All violators will receive a \$50 fine. The Access Fund opposes special "use fees" and will not support the USFS's effort to "police" fee collection.

In North Cascades National Park, Keith met with agency officials regarding a new sport climbing and bouldering area near Newhalem in the Ross Lake National Recreation Area. These new areas are getting a lot of attention and the rangers are concerned with bolting, cleaning of moss, extensive manipulation of landing areas (terracing), and caching of tools. The Park will likely develop a climbing management plan for the area with assistance from the Access Fund. It is likely that existing and new routes will be permitted in the future, but in the meantime climbers should hold off on creating new routes until the Park can do natural and cultural resource surveys. Perhaps as early as August 2002, the NPS will send out a "scoping" letter and solicit public input. If you would like to comment on climbing in the Ross Lake NRA, email mailto:Roy_Zipp@nps.gov to get your name on the mailing list.



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Jason Keith

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Letters

Climbing on Sacred Ground

The note from Sam Davidson in the Vertical Times Newsletter Aug. #47 regarding the issues involved with Cave Rock in Tahoe was especially relevant and timely to myself and climbers in western Montana. The lack of fees and regulations gives our state a false aura of undiscovered or unregulated beauty. Coordinate with this environment is the occurrence of discreet, scattered, unidentified sacred Native American sites. In the 1800s the Salish were severed from their land and history during their forced relocation to northern Montana. No one, including the Salish, knows exactly how many or where sacred sites exist. When a site is identified by hikers, the Forest Service (FS), climbers, or tribal members seeking their past, the site is recorded at the FS. Generally, a significant site has pictographs or hash marks, which are usually primitive in appearance. Once identified, per the tribe's wishes, the site is not marked for fear of irreplaceable or irreparable vandalism. However, the FS often may identify it as an archaeological site if it is significant. If it is on or near a popular climbing area, word usually gets out and most climbers respect the site by not climbing on it. Nine years ago a small section of cliff, 1-3% or less of the total available at a sport climbing area in privately owned Kootenai Creek, was identified as significant to the Salish. Because of the pictographs there, the tribe and FS discouraged climbing on this section of cliff. Unfortunately, several climbers put bolts in above the pictographs. To add insult to injury, they claimed that it was their right to do so and that dead Indians were nothing to them. Old school or traditional climbers confronted these individuals. Bolts were chopped, holes camouflaged/repared, and both groups made threats of violence and bolt wars. Others and myself wondered for years if the threats would come to fruition at our homes, trailheads or crags. At that time the FS demonstrated little interest or involvement. Privately, we wished they had been more active. As the years passed, people moved out of the area and things calmed down.

Within days of receiving my #47 AF newsletter, I got a call from the Forest Service that a significant Salish site, previously identified, and known to exist by the tribe had bolts on it. As I hiked to the site with a fellow climber, chisel in hand, I wondered what the FS Historian would show us. We found a small cliff, 40' x 60' in the middle of nowhere. At it's

base and top of the cliff were several legible pictographs. The tribe's request was to remove the bolts so no bad luck would come to those who climbed it. We removed them, then cleaned the area and put in some small signs to the side telling people to call the AF or FS if they had any questions about the route and it's removal. Three weeks later I heard that the FS found the climber who bolted the climb. Very swiftly, the FS gave him two citations and a fine. He could have bought a rack with what the fine cost him. Discussions now revolve around what kind of precedent this will set for climbers in MT.

From the beginning, the tribe's stance has been they do not want people to climb on pictographs because they feel that bad luck will come to those people. To a certain extent, I can't help but feel they may be right. The FS considers sites deemed significant to the tribe to be archeological sites. But significant sites can not be made public. The difference in action by the FS between nine years ago and today is our wake-up call. Climbers must be sensitive to a new, potentially undiscovered area. I tell every new and old climber I know that if there are any questions about putting up a new route to first check with the FS or the Fund.

Most Montana climbers are sympathetic of the Salish. Perhaps it is a kindred connection to the value of spiritual history in the mountain environment, or perhaps the amount of area considered sacred or protected is insignificant compared to areas not protected or sacred. The recent events at Cave Rock drive that point home to us. Knee-jerk federal closure often comes from lack of information or understanding of the history of the site, groups involved or issues at hand.

Montanans are known for resisting regulation and the loss of freedom to public lands. Effort that leads to progress arises from understanding the other user groups interests and working hard towards cooperative engagement and mutual agreement. Everyone runs the risk of loss of access of public lands from misuse, abuse, or overuse. To keep The Last Best Place the way it is people need to stop, look, and ask questions before pulling the trigger on the drill or altering the site. The careless actions of a few can be devastating to FS policy climber-related decisions and the actions and perception of climbers as a whole.

Steve Porcella
Hamilton, Montana

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HERE'S WHAT WE FOUND OUT:

- 87% of respondents are current AF members.
- Of those who weren't members, the #1 reason for not joining was because they "were too or never got around to it." (Get your climbing partners and friends to join!)
- Climbing plays a very important role in life.
- 81% of respondents are male.

3 Most important things the Access Fund does:

1. Educates climbers on self-regulation and reduction of impact on the environment.
2. Represents climbers' interests in land management and policy making.
3. Protects the environment, including vegetation and wildlife.

What the Access Fund does best:

1. Represents climbers' interests with land managers and government officials.
2. Defends climber freedoms.
3. Supports local climber action and projects.

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Chad Bradford of Baltimore, MD
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HAPPY CLIMBING and thanks to all of you for
your feedback and participation in the Access
Fund's 2002 Climber Survey!!

**Access Fund Awards Over \$16,000 in
Climbing Preservation Grants**

The Access Fund has awarded more than \$16,000 in its second round of grant funding for 2002. Climbing Preservation Grants provide financial assistance for local climber activism and protection of the climbing environment. A total of \$16,300 will be distributed for trail improvements, education, and support for local climber activism. In the first round of grants funding earlier this year, the Access Fund awarded nearly \$34,000 in grants.

"The Access Fund is committed to preserving the climbing experience for present and future generations. To put this commitment into action, we allocate 15% of our annual budget to grants, and for 2002 we have budgeted \$120,000 in grants," said Shawn Tierney, access and acquisitions director.

- Castleton Tower Preservation Initiative /Acquisition project, Utah: \$10,000 was awarded to Utah Open Lands/Castle Rock Collaboration, for the acquisition of 221 acres of open space below Castleton Tower, Utah. For decades, climbers have relied on this land for camping and parking on the approach to such famous formations as Castleton Tower, the Priest, the Nuns, and the Rectory. This land has been threatened by development. UOL will receive an additional \$10,000 from the Access Fund for this project in 2003.

- Cathedral Ledge Trail Project, New Hampshire: \$3,000 was awarded to the New Hampshire Division of Parks for trail improvements at Cathedral Ledge in North Conway, New Hampshire. Cathedral Ledge is one of the most popular climbing areas in the Eastern United States. Trail reconstruction and erosion control are required to protect natural resources and provide safe access to the area.

- Illinois Climbers Association Start-up Grant, Illinois: \$1,800 was awarded to the grassroots climbers advocacy group, Illinois Climbers Association. The group will represent climbers in the region by working on statewide access issues, networking with other recreational interest groups, conserving climbing resources, and building good relations with land owners and managers.

- Volunteer Guide Training at Hueco Tanks, Texas: \$1,500 was awarded to Hueco Tanks State Historical Park near El Paso, Texas, to pay for the participation of a renowned cultural resources specialist in the park's volunteer guide training. This grant supplements a previous \$2500 grant made to Hueco Tanks for climber education. Hueco Tanks is one of the finest bouldering areas in the world.

Events

9/21 Joshua Tree, CA—Adopt-a-Crag Day at Joshua Tree—Paul Blanchard 760-366-9699

9/28 Terrebonne, OR—Kurt Smith Kickin Access Tour 2002—Kurt Smith 503-923-6207

10/3 New Paltz, NY—She Climbs Annual Gathering: The Gunks—www.sheclimbs.org

10/3 Madison, WI—Kurt Smith Kickin Access Tour 2002—Kurt Smith 608-244-8100

10/5 Boulder, CO—Adopt-a-Crag Day in the Flatirons—Dan Bereck 303-440-9194

10/5 Albuquerque, NM -Trail Work at Enchanted Tower—Byran Pletta 505- 341-2016

10/5 Jackson Falls, IL—Kickin Access 2002—Kurt Smith 812-479-6887

10/10 Ann Arbor, MI—Kickin Access 2002—Kurt Smith 734-827-2680

10/12 Estes Park, CO—Adopt-a-Crag Day at Lumpy Ridge—Greg Sievers 970-586-4075

10/19 Boulder City, NV—15th Annual Keyhole Classic—John DeBoer (702) 591-5384

10/19 Bishop, CA—Adopt-a-Crag at the Happy and Sad Boulders—Scott Justham 760-872-5034

10/19 Ivins, UT—Adopt-a-Crag Day at Snow Canyon State Park—Kristen Comella 435-628-2255

10/19 Roseburg, OR—Adopt-a-Crag Day at the Callhans—Greg Orton 541-440-9848

10/19 Carroll Valley, PA—Adopt-a-Crag Day at Chickies Rocks—Lonny Whitcomb 717- 642-8282

10/20 Bishop, CA—Adopt-a-Crag/Buttermilk Bouldering Clean Up—Julie Molzahn 760-873-2462

11/16 Springdale, UT—Adopt-a-Crag in Zion—Jill Sheesley 435-772-0185

11/23 Bloomington, IL—Hangdog Jamboree at Upper Limits—Jody Furr 309-829-8255



DJ Highball Kurt Smith Kickin' Access at Sand Rock, AL.

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Kurt and Elaina will be touring in the fall, so be sure to look for them at a gym, shop, or crag near you! For a list of the Kickin Access tour dates, as well as a full rundown of upcoming Access Fund events, log onto www.accessfund.org!

Adopt-a-Crag Day Update

*At press time, the Access Fund is thrilled to report that 80 Adopt-a-Crag Day events are planned around the country! These events span 29 states, and will likely draw together over 3,000 climbers! Multitudes of thanks to the climbing shops, gyms, organizations, and individuals who have pulled together and taken pride in grassroots activism, conservation, and community awareness. Your efforts, along with the generous support of Title Sponsor REI, Presenting Sponsor W.L. Gore, and Supporting Sponsor Clif Bar, are helping the Access Fund protect **your climbing future.***



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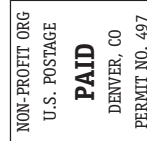
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