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ADOPT-A-CRAG DAY IMPROVES CRAGS NATIONWIDE



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The Access Fund is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping climbing areas open & conserving the climbing environment. Since its incorporation in 1990, the Access Fund has provided more than \$2 million for climbing conservation and education across the US. We've paid for land purchases, climbers' campgrounds, educational brochures, toilets, signs, and scientific research on climbers' impact on birds of prey and cliff-dwelling plants. For more information, please contact us:

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Cover photo: *Climber volunteers build a trail to the world famous Supercrack Buttress at Indian Creek, Utah. The Access Fund has given \$10,000 to the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) since 2002 to assist with trail projects at Indian Creek. This fall, the AF is helping to organize over 70 Adopt-a-Crag Day events nationwide to promote stewardship and conservation. RMFI will return to Indian Creek on 9/28-29 to build a climbing access trail to the Bridger Jack Buttress. See page 11 to find an Adopt-a-Crag event near you.*

Photo courtesy of Mark Hesse

Closed Areas Require Grassroots Action

While it is hard to estimate the actual number of climbing areas in the US, Tim Toulas book *Rock 'N' Road*, gives us a very good idea of the scope and amount of climbing available. As the number of regular climbers grows and is now estimated at close to 1 million active climbers, we find the pressure on these areas becomes more intense and visible. Add to this many other user groups vying to bike, ride horses, hang glide or enjoy their favorite activity at the same location and we have a recipe for problems.

In a review of the climbing areas listed in Toulas book, Shannon Stuart-Smith (AF Board member) made some interesting discoveries:

- Of the 2,158 natural climbing areas, 143 were closed and 3 were partially closed (7%).
- Using the Missouri river as the dividing line between East and West climbing areas, 14.5% of all Eastern areas are closed and 3.6% in the West are closed.
- Most closed areas (55%) are on private land, followed by state parks (16%), and county/city managed areas (11%).
- Private ownership accounts for 20% of all climbing areas nationwide, Federal control is 42%, local government is 40%, with the balance "unknown".

What does this mean? Firstly, it shows the threats to climbing access are very real and are not going to disappear. Secondly, while successful programs have been developed at the National level to work with Federal land agencies, we need to step up our efforts locally and with private land owners.

This second part can only be done by local climbing organizations, (LCO's), who have the connections with the local community. LCO's have the power to work with land owners/managers and business leaders to address the problems head on, to provide solutions, and facilitate dialogue with other user groups.

At the Access Fund national office, we have made it a priority to support local grassroots efforts, have devoted a new staff position to grassroots activism and are helping to establish LCO's across the nation.

Please join us in this effort!

Steve Matous
Executive Director

Castle Rocks: Idaho's newest state park dedicated near Almo in August

A thunderstorm could not dampen the spirits of the nearly 200 people who traveled to Almo August 21st for the opening ceremonies of the park. Attendees included Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne, Senator Larry Craig, Access Fund Executive Director Steve Matous, and Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith.

"When I visited the City of Rocks we talked about the importance of securing Castle Rocks for the people of Idaho and at the same time securing the property rights of farmers and ranchers," Craig said. "As a ranch kid I understand this. So today we say to the world welcome, welcome to Castle Rocks."

Kempthorne pledged to the people of the Almo Valley that the Castle Rocks project would be taken at a pace they would be comfortable with.

"You are the partners," he said. "You have the third and fourth generation knowledge we need to make this project work."

Kempthorne commended the efforts, which brought the state and federal park systems



BRUCE HODGKINS

Idaho Governor Kempthorne (left) and Access Fund Executive Director Steve Matous at Castle Rock Ranch .

together during the Castles Park project. In 1999, The Conservation Fund and the Access Fund teamed up to buy the ranch, and subsequently the Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000 authorized the National Park Service (NPS) to purchase the 1,240-acre ranch with the understanding that the area would be turned into a state park and opened for public recreation, specifically climbing. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), the same agency that currently manages City of Rocks National Reserve, will manage the state-owned portion of "Castles" (BLM and USFS land also lies behind the state park).

"This will be here for generations upon

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JASON KEITH

Governor Kempthorne, Senator Larry Craig and local legislators and dignitaries share a laugh after cutting the ribbon officially opening Idaho's newest state park, Castle Rocks State Park. Adjacent to the City of Rocks, Castle Rocks boasts world-class rock climbing and spectacular vistas. The ceremony was held in a persistent rain, a welcome sight to drought-weary Cassia County.

generations to enjoy, thanks to the efforts of those who made this project come together,” said National Park Service Deputy Regional Director Art Eck.

The Access Fund and the American Alpine Club presented Superintendent Wallace Keck with an award acknowledging his outstanding work efforts to include the climbing community in planning, development and stewardship of the newly formed Castle Rocks State Park.

Following the governor’s remarks, the cooperative land swap agreement was signed and a red ribbon was cut, officially opening Castle Rocks State Park to the public. Visitors were fed a Dutch oven dinner hosted by IDPR, local ranchers led horseback tours into the park, and rangers held a rock climbing demonstration where spectators could see climbers scaling the monolithic giants.

“This ceremony marked the culmination of years of effort by the Access Fund and other interested parties to open up this special landscape to climbing opportunities,” said Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith. “Hopefully, we can obtain climbing access elsewhere by using the experience at Castles as a model for an effective and cooperative management process.”

Washington State’s North Cascades National Park To Develop A New Climbing Management Plan

Over the past few years, outstanding new sport climbing and bouldering areas have been developed north of Seattle in the Skagit River Gorge between the towns of Newhalem and Diablo. Route development includes bolted sport climbs and bouldering, both of which require the cleaning of moss and vegetation. Local climbers have also been active clearing rock and debris to create trails and improve landing zones at bouldering areas. A detailed website of one of the climbing areas has been developed and word has spread quickly among the Seattle climbing community.

Last year the cleaning of moss and debris at the bouldering area created some controversy when a NPS ranger found tools cached by the boulderers and confiscated them. Around that time, the Access Fund met with NPS officials to start a communication process for local climbers to be informed about the concerns of park rangers. Also, climbers would be informed about the degree of acceptable climbing,

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bouldering and cleaning. There is great potential for additional climbing areas in the many front-country areas of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area (a sub-unit of North Cascades NP), but the NPS asked local climbers to stop developing both the new bouldering and bolted sport climbing routes while a climbing management plan (CMP) was being developed for the area and resource impacts were analyzed. Local climbers agreed to halt their development of the area while a CMP is developed.

In early July, Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith traveled to the North Cascades National Park Complex and met NPS officials to discuss climbing management alternatives for the CMP and perform a site inspection of the new rock climbing and bouldering areas just upstream from the town of Newhalem. Keith also met with local climbers to hear their concerns and comments for managing the area. He was later accompanied by seven senior level NPS staff -- including the park supervisor, chief ranger, and several lead resource specialists -- into the field to inspect the sport climbing and

bouldering areas. After viewing the climbing and bouldering, park officials expressed concern about the cleaning of moss and leveling of landing zones. Nevertheless, they were open to some new route and bouldering development. The upcoming CMP will likely include a process whereby new sport routes and bouldering can be developed.

This fall a climbing management “scoping” letter is planned to go public. A draft CMP should be released for comment sometime this winter. If all goes according to plan, new route development at this excellent area could be authorized by next year’s climbing season. To become involved and comment on the upcoming climbing management plan for the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, write:

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Roy_Zipp@nps.gov



JASON KEITH

Seven senior level National Park Service (NPS) staff members accompanied AF Policy Director Jason Keith to inspect a bouldering area near Newhalem, WA in July (top). Supervisor Paleck inspects chalk at the Confiscation Cave during the site inspection (bottom).

SOUTHEAST The Murray Property Project, Kentucky



(Submitted by Shannon Stuart-Smith, RRGCC Executive Director and Access Fund Board Member)

The Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition (RRGCC) is very proud to announce the Murray Property

Project and its new web site dedicated exclusively to the largest direct climbing land acquisition ever by a local climbing organization. The website address is www.thered.org.

As part of our mission to "ensure quality outdoor climbing opportunities to meet the needs of present and future climbers by protecting, promoting, and ensuring responsible climbing" at the Red, the RRGCC is raising the money to buy over 700 acres of some of the best climbing land in the United States. The RRGCC is directly buying this exceptional, high-quality land as the surest way to protect continued climbing access and opportunities.

Don't Take It for Granite 2003

(Report from www.seclimbers.org)

Going, Going, Gone! And the bidding on another big SCC success ended at 11:00pm on July 24th at Club eleven50. 310+ members and guests of The Southeastern Climbers Coalition attended The 2nd Annual Benefit & Party for The Boat Rock Preserve.

At press time, the numbers were not tallied. We do know that the amount of proceeds will exceed the \$9000 raised in 2002. Over \$16,000 in goods and services was donated for the silent auction and Boat Rock Raffle. Thanks to our top contributors for the silent auction: High Country Outfitters, Call of the Wild, Patagonia, Atlanta, Rock/Creek Outfitters, The Challenge Network, LaSportiva, Petzl, Arc'teryx, Atlanta Rocks Climbing Gym, Southeastern Expeditions, The Access Fund and Atlanta Alpine Guides.

The highlight of the raffle was the top drawing of a new Misty Mountain crash pad valued at \$325. The Equalizer is a new boulderpad, similar in size to the Magnum but with a unique hinged fold with anti-void straps.

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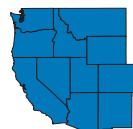
JOHN HEISEL

Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks lifted the raptor restrictions on the Third Flatiron on August 1st. Two late nesting prairie falcon fledglings made their nest on the Third during the restriction period. BOSMP staff determined they successfully left their nest.

members contributed the critical hours needed to pull off this popular Atlanta fundraiser. Noted mountaineer Brad Johnson and rock climber Rick Sylvester presented slide presentations. Brad Johnson and Arno Ilgner were on hand with their recently published books selling and signing the night away. The evening concluded with a fashion show with MCs Gina Picard and Chris Watford.

This is an annual event, one of the largest fundraisers in the country for a climbing organization. Boat Rock is not considered saved until the mortgage is paid in full. The "Don't Take It For Granite" event will be back the 3rd Thursday evening in July in 2004. For more information visit www.seclimbers.org.

WEST NEWS FROM THE FLATIRONS, CO The Flatirons Climbing Council Goes Live!



Visit their new website for the latest climbing

news and events in the Flatirons of Colorado. See <http://www.flatironsclimbing.com/>

Third Flatiron Reopens to Public

The Third Flatiron re-opened August 1st along with other areas of Open Space and Mountain Parks lands that have been closed for the raptor-nesting season. These areas are closed seasonally each year to protect nesting raptors and their chicks. The Third Flatiron was home to two late nesting prairie falcon fledglings. Staff performed daily assessments of the area to be sure it was safe to re-open and have determined that the fledglings have successfully left the nest.

“Area visitors will notice falcons for the next few weeks, but are urged to keep as much distance as possible between themselves and the birds,” said Rick Hatfield, Open Space and Mountain Parks Ranger/Naturalist. “We appreciate the patience of the climbing community and other visitors during this closure.”

Staff reminds visitors that it is against federal law to harm or disturb falcons, and asks that any unusual raptor activity be reported to Open Space and Mountain Parks. For more information, please visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace.

For national raptor closures and restrictions, see www.accessfund.org/access/access_restrictions.html.

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Friction Addiction brings you an amazing summer of daring runouts and highball first ascents from the sharp end of South Dakota's Black Hills. Filmed entirely in crystal-clear digital, and set to an original soundtrack by Underground Chuck, this film raises the bar of the climbing movie genre to dangerous new heights.

John Gill provides historical insights into the cradle of American bouldering, and John "The Verm" Sherman and a host of Dakota and Colorado locals, check their mettle against the crystalline South Dakota granite.

So come on down and join the party, enjoy the show, and win some cool gear donated by the sponsors. But most importantly, come out and help keep your climbing areas open by supporting and joining the Access Fund.

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FALL 2003 SCHEDULE

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- 9/16 Rapid City, SD @ The Firehouse W/ Black Hills Climbers Coalition 605-348-3432
- 9/20 Laramie, WY @ Fat Crack Festival Competition/Festival W/Cross Country Connection 307-721-2851
- 9/23 Rochester, MN @ Prairie Walls 507-292-0511

- 9/24 Madison, WI @ Boulders Gym 608-244-8100
- 9/27 Red River Gorge, KY @ Miguel's 606-663-1975
- 9/30 Ann Arbor, MI @ PlanetRock 734-827-2680

OCTOBER:

- 10/4 New River, WV @ Waterstone Outdoors 304-574-2425
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- 10/18 N. Conway, NH @ Craggers 603-356-8877
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- 10/28 Providence, RI @ R. I. Rock Gym 401-727-1704
- 10/29 Wallingford, CT @ Prime Climb 203-265-7880 (TENTATIVE)

Access Fund Awards \$12,000 in Climbing Preservation Grants to Support Climber Activism, Conservation and Education

The Access Fund awarded \$12,000 in its second round of grant funding for 2003. Awarded three times annually, Climbing Preservation Grants provide financial assistance for local climber activism and protection of the climbing environment. The grants will be distributed for trail improvements, education and campground maintenance needs.

The following projects and local climbing organizations received grants:

Friends of Joshua Tree, CA

\$1,000 awarded to the grassroots climber's organization, Friends of Joshua Tree to assist with operational support. The group represents climbers' interests in Joshua Tree National Park and works closely with the Park to address stewardship and climbing management issues.

Joshua Tree Wilderness Climbing Study, CA

\$3,000 awarded to Erik Murdock of the University of Arizona for a wilderness rock climbing study. This project develops a tool for understanding the temporospatial relationship between rock climbers, as well as other wilderness visitors, and sensitive resources at Joshua Tree National Park. Using predictive simulation, its purpose is to assess the merit of the Park's proposed fixed anchor permitting process, and establish a technique that can be applied to other climbing areas.

Ragged Mountain Foundation, CT

\$2,000 awarded to the grassroots climbers organization, Ragged Mountain Foundation to assist with the purchase of a 5.2-acre parcel of property in Southington, CT. The parcel contains a trap rock crag known locally as the Short Wall and a section of the Metacomet hiking trail.

Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition, MA

\$2,000 awarded to assist with a natural resource survey of Farley Ledge. The purpose of the survey is to provide information necessary to developing a management plan for the

area. Farley Ledge is a regionally significant rock climbing and outdoor recreation destination.

East Animas Climbing Access Project, CO

\$4,000 awarded to the Durango Climbers Coalition to assist with trailhead, parking and access improvements. This project will secure permanent public access to the East Animas climbing area, the premiere local climbing resource available in the Durango area.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ACCESS FUND CONSERVATION GRANTS!

A special thank you goes out to all of our members who contributed to our recent appeal to raise funds for Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grants. As of August 6, 2003, 113 members contributed \$9,625.00 for this cause. Climbing Preservation Grants provide financial assistance for local climber activism and protection of the climbing environment across the United States.

In 2002, the AF awarded over \$120,000 in grants. In the first half of 2003, \$30,000 was awarded to assist parking improvements, campgrounds, trailhead facilities, land acquisitions, and provide organizational and start-up assistance for Local Climbing Organizations nationwide. Your support makes this generous funding possible.



Joshua Tree National Park, California

THE ACCESS FUND'S 4TH ANNUAL ADOPT-A-CRAG DAY



The Fourth Annual Adopt-a-Crag day was September 6, 2003. Adopt-a-Crag Day is the Access Fund's signature conservation event, an opportunity for climbers to express their dedication to stewardship and volunteerism, and to give back to the climbing and bouldering areas they frequent. At press time, the Access Fund reported nearly 70 registered Adopt-a-Crag Day events. Although the majority of the events occurred on September 6, there are still many to come. See below for an Adopt-a-Crag event near you.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) signed on as Adopt-a-Crag Day's Title Sponsor for a second year, as well as Presenting Sponsor W.L. Gore. Clif Bar, involved since the inaugural Adopt-a-Crag Day four years ago, was once again the event's Supporting Sponsor.

Adopt-a-Crag Day has become synonymous with grassroots activism. The national event has helped facilitate relationships between climbers and land managers, and has inspired communities to assist in the care and maintenance of the climbing areas dear to them. Adopt-a-Crag Day has sparked the formation of Local Climbing Organizations, and ignited such projects as visual impact mitigation, litter removal, erosion control, trail construction, and the installation of signage.

UPCOMING ADOPT-A-CRAG DAY EVENTS (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2ND)

9/13-14 Clovis, CA – Southern Sierra Climbers Association
Adopt-a-Crag at Needles

Contact Matthew Schutz (559) 299-5307, eatsleepclimb@yahoo.com

9/14 Watertown, MA – AMC Mountaineering Committee
Adopt-a-Crag at Quincy Quarries

Contact Richard Doucette (617) 924-4828, rpdoucette@juno.com

9/17 Boulder, CO – Flatirons Climbing Council
Flagstaff Trash Bash

Contact Willie Mein (303) 543-8947, willie_mein@hotmail.com

9/20 Okinawa, Japan
Okinawa Adopt-a-Crag Day

Contact Emmanuael Lacoste, emmanuellacoste@hotmail.com

9/27-28 Moab, UT - Rocky Mountain Field Institute
Adopt-a-Crag at Indian Creek

Contact Liz Nichol (719) 471-7736, rmfibox@aol.com

10/1 Asheboro, NC - Carolina Climbers Coalition
Adopt-a-Crag at Asheboro Boulders

Contact Mike Dean (919) 776-1717, mddean@charter.net

10/10-12 Leavenworth, WA – Cascade Climbers
Cascade Climbers Ropeup

Contact Mike Beck (206) 691-3755, beckworkspress@aol.com

10/18 - Estes Park, CO

Adopt-a-Crag Day at Lumpy Ridge

American Alpine Club, Central Rockies Section, Greg Sievers (970) 586-4075

10/18 Roseburg, OR - Climbers of Southwest Oregon
Adopt-a-Crag Day at the Callahans

Greg Orton (341) 440-9848, gorton@climbsworegon.com

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Gary Erickson, Clif Bar CEO

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Kind Coffee – 2003
Montrail – 2002
Moonstone – 2003
Mountaineers Books – 1992
Mountain Madness – 2000
Mountainsmith – 2003
Mountain Tools – 1991
Nicros – 1997
Osprey – 2003
Outland Mountain Shop – 2003
Pacific Edge Climbing Gym – 2003
Phoenix Bouldering Comp – 1997
Real Cheap Sports – 2003
Royal Robbins – 1992
Saltic Climbing/Trekking – 2003
Schwartz Communications, Inc. – 2003
Sickle Climbing – 2001
Stone Age Climbing – 1997
2Trails.com – 2002
Tom K. Michael, D.D.S., P.S. – 2000
Travel Country Outdoors – 2002
Ultimate Ascents International – 2003
Verve – 1996
VooDoo Holds – 2001

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Berger & Associates – 2003
Blue – 1997
Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine – 1997
Coreyography – 2002
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Black Diamond Receives 2003 Moving Mountains Award

Established in 2000, the Moving Mountains Industry Award is given annually to an extraordinary corporate citizen in the outdoor business. The Access Fund and six other non-profits comprise the Moving Mountains coalition. Each organization nominates one of their sponsors and then votes on a slate of nominees. This year the AF nominated Black Diamond who received the most votes and won the award.

An innovator of technical products in the outdoor industry since 1989, Black Diamond has been recognized as the 2003 Moving Mountain Industry Award Winner. Black Diamond received the award at the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market in Salt Lake City, Utah on Friday, August 15th.

"Black Diamond has helped defend the country's climbing freedoms not only with financial support, but also by sponsoring the Access Fund educational brochure series, authoring a membership letter, sending a representative to the Climbers for Political Action event in Washington DC, and by representing the climbing community with Congress and land management agencies," said Access Fund Development Director Heather Clark. "BD's support of the Access Fund is an impeccable example of a successful partnership between a nonprofit and an outdoor industry leader."

"When we started Black Diamond Equipment in the late 1980s, the opportunity and need was not only to build a business based upon developing and manufacturing truly innovative products for the backcountry user. Of equal importance was to build a company infrastructure owned by passionate employees committed to championing the preservation of, and access to, mountain and crag environments," said Peter Metcalf, Black Diamond CEO. "Receiving the Moving Mountains Industry Award is a most gratifying affirmation of our commitment to these ideals, of living our beliefs and making a difference. It's an honor to be recognized."

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Send your photos via email to john@accessfund.org or by mail to: Access Fund Photo Contest, PO Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308.