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THE AF PERSPECTIVE



As we begin the new year, I want to thank all of the thousands of volunteers in the climbing community, the Access Fund staff, and the Board of Directors who worked in concert accomplishing great achievements! It is this community effort, whether locally or nationally, that makes the Access Fund successful and allows our voices to be heard as we work towards keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

During 2006 we rose together on a number of challenges and continued to implement our core access and conservation programs. As we immerse ourselves in 2007, we have some critical issues on the horizon. (Please see pages 4-5.)

The Access Fund has also made a strategic decision to go back to its roots and strongly emphasize our acquisitions program. This will be done with new funding, key partnerships with organizations like Trust for Public Lands and eventually additional staff resources to help focus our efforts.

Also, in 2007 you will see the Access Fund continue to concentrate our efforts on our core access & conservation programs like:

- Our climbing preservation grants program in support of local climbing communities
- Policy work to inform new regulations and fight those that create unnecessary prohibitions
- Our stewardship program Adopt-a-Crag and our educational outreach effort, the boulderProject

Our continued successes and victories depend on the hard work of all of those involved with the Access Fund. Thank you for your support and efforts in 2006 and your ongoing motivation to keep us all climbing into the future.

Sincerely,

Steve Matous

Access Fund, Executive Director

PS: The work of the Access Fund is only as strong as our community. As a member, you are the greatest testament to our success. If you know climbers who aren't AF members, tell them why the Access Fund is important to you and all climbers and encourage them to join. The stronger our community, the more we can accomplish. www.accessfund.org/support



Dave Littman and Brody Greer organizing gear on top of Zion's Streaked Wall. The Pair had just completed a Spring ascent of Tales of the Scorpion VI 5.10 A3+. Zion, © Eric Draper

Human-Powered Outdoor Alliance Assembles In Washington, DC

The human-powered Outdoor Alliance (Access Fund, American Whitewater, American Canoe Association, American Hiking Society, International Mountain Biking Association, and Winter Wildlands Alliance) will assemble in Washington, DC in February to meet with congressional staff and high-level federal land managers concerning recreation policy. This follows a successful lobbying trip by the OA in November.

While almost 150 million Americans annually participate in recreation activities such as hiking, mountain biking, climbing, canoeing, kayaking and backcountry skiing, the political voice of this large constituency is not reflective of its size, and is often overshadowed by broader groups with different recreational agendas.

The Outdoor Alliance formed as a coalition of national human-powered recreation advocacy groups to protect and secure quality outdoor recreation opportunities on the nation's public lands and waters through a collective voice.

The executive directors and policy chiefs from each Outdoor Alliance organization regularly meets with high level federal recreation officials from each of the federal land management agencies to discuss current recreation management challenges and to communicate better ways to work together cooperatively ensuring appropriate recreational opportunities on public lands and waters.

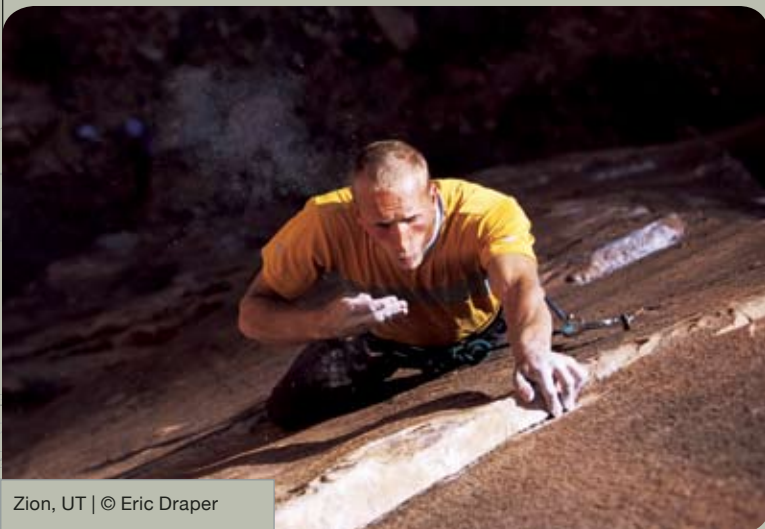
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National Climbing Management Summit

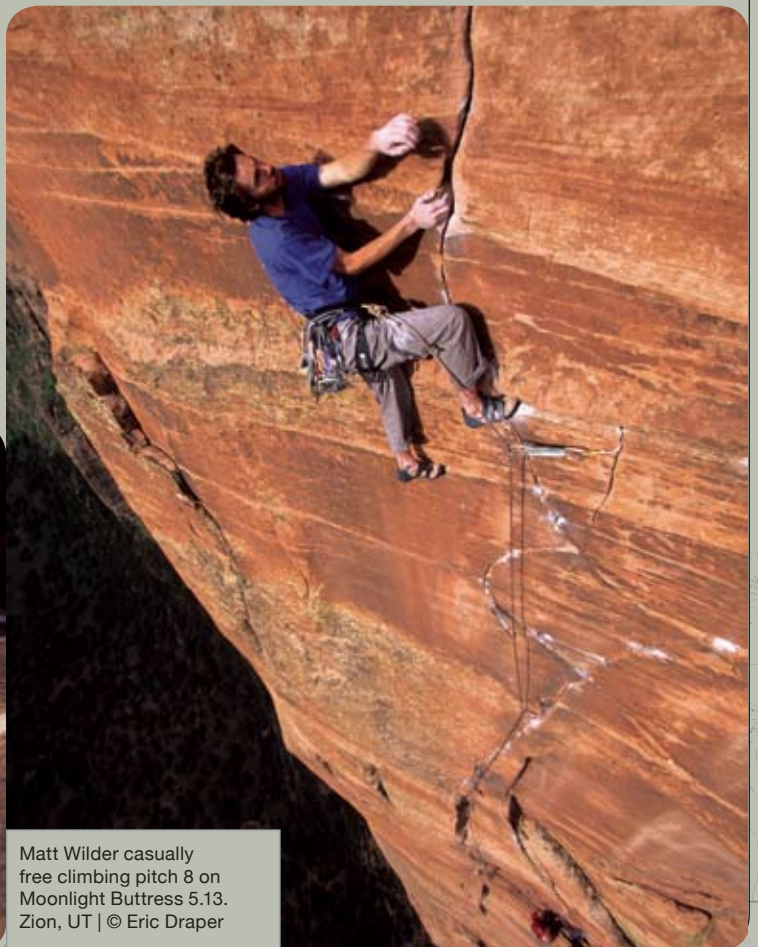
The Access Fund is hosting a National Climbing Management Summit March 10 and 11 in Golden, CO. This conference will provide a forum for land managers to discuss and share specific "climbing management practices that work" across the country to keep us all climbing.

Increasingly, public land agencies implement varying climbing management policies despite similar or identical mandates and management obligations. There exists a need for better communication and understanding between public land managers and the climbing community to avoid management problems, inconsistent regulatory interpretations and enforcement, and to facilitate "buy-in" by climbers concerning land manager obligations, needs and programs.

If you are a land manager and are interested in attending, please email Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith jason@accessfund.org.



Zion, UT | © Eric Draper



Matt Wilder casually free climbing pitch 8 on Moonlight Buttress 5.13. Zion, UT | © Eric Draper

2006 | highlights

During 2006 we rose together on a number of challenges and continued to implement our core access and conservation programs. A few examples from across the country include:

ACQUISITIONS

Our acquisitions program: helping locals buy, lease, or protect through easements access to climbing resources. One of the biggest was the purchase of Laurel Knob by the Carolina Climbers Coalition, but others include the potential purchase of 300 acres in NH.



LOBBYING

Successful lobbying and letter writing efforts helping to prevent the sale of climbing areas on United States Forest Service land



POLICY

Signing a recreational easement for Oak Flat and Queen Creek allowing continued access to this important climbing resource.

Policy work to amend CO state recreation statute to exempt private land owners from "attractive nuisance" liability for abandoned mines on their property allowing access to climbing that was otherwise closed.

GRASSROOTS

Support for local climbers in their efforts to work with land managers on discriminatory management practices around the country. AF staff efforts took some issues to the national policy and regulatory level to resist illegal or discriminatory interpretations of the laws.

ADOPT-A-CRAG

Adopt-a-Crag had its most successful year ever with 5500 volunteers contributing 30,000 hours (\$540,000 worth of volunteer time) at 121 events across the country. The hugely successful Yosemite Face Lift is a shining example.



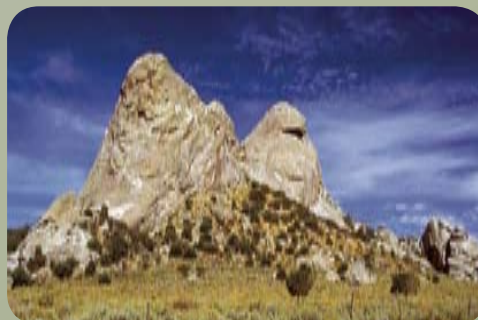
2007 | challenges

Many of our victories in 2006 arose from challenging and overturning restrictive management practices and permanently securing access to climbing resources on private lands. As we immerse ourselves in 2007, some critical issues we see on the horizon are:

GRANTS



Our grants program helped fund trail work, infrastructure, and funded LCO's with \$80,000 worth of valuable climbing related projects



FUNDING

Funding issues at all levels, Federal, State and Local for recreation (without funding, areas may be closed to use)



CLOSURES

Private lands being closed to climbing or sold off for development—we need to act now to protect these critical areas especially near the large urban areas where the pace of growth has accelerated

The potential transfer of Hueco Tanks State Park in Texas to the State Historical Commission whose mission may not allow climbing

RESTRICTIONS

Managing human waste— we are addressing climber impacts with our pack it out waste bag program

On-going issues like coming to win-win solutions between habitat/species protection and recreational use and limits implemented by land managers



Photographs (clockwise from left to right) Harrison Shull, John Heisel, Jason Keith, John Barstow, Andrew Burr, Devaki Murch

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The Access Fund continues its support of grassroots climbing advocacy and conservation projects by awarding 13 grants for a total of over \$80,000 in 2006 for trail improvements, preservation of private lands from development, and Affiliate educational initiatives. Presented three times annually, these grants provide financial assistance for local climber activism and protection of the climbing environment in the United States and are fundamental to our Grassroots program. Visit www.accessfund.org/regions to see what the Access Fund has done in your area.

Friends of Williamson Rock Start-up, California

A grant was awarded to the Friends of Williamson Rock (FoWR) for start-up and organizational expenses. The newly formed group represents climbers' interests at Williamson Rock in Southern California. FoWR's first project is to work closely with United States Forest Service to address access, stewardship and climbing management issues as they relate to the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog in order to reopen Williamson Rock to rock climbing.

Piano Boulders Preservation and Improvement Project, Fort Collins, Colorado

A grant was awarded to the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program, for erosion control and fence construction work at the Piano Boulders, outside Fort Collins, Colorado. The Piano Boulders are located in Pineridge Natural Area (PRN), which was acquired by the City of Fort Collins through a series of purchases starting in 1978 and is managed City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program. PRN is an on-trail only site and the trail(s) up to the bouldering area are not officially sanctioned trails. Instead of enforcing violations, the City of Fort Collins Natural Area Program decided to recognize bouldering as a legitimate activity and to officially designate a trail up to the Piano Boulders.

Ragged Mountain Parking Feasibility Assessment, Connecticut

A grant was awarded the Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF) to conduct a comprehensive analysis toward the construction of a parking area. The RMF property contains wetlands and a conservation easement. Therefore it must first be determined if an ecologically sensitive parking area can be developed. Long-term access has always been uncertain due to the limited nature of parking. The project is a partnership between the Berlin Land Trust, private landowners and the local climbing community.

Pendergrass-Murray Recreational Preserve Land Acquisition Project, Kentucky

The Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition (RRGCC) was awarded a grant to assist with the acquisition of the Pendergrass-Murray Recreational Preserve climbing area. The Pendergrass-Murray area is a regionally and nationally significant rock climbing area containing almost 75% of the existing open climbing in the Southern Region of the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. RRGCC purchased the 700 acre parcel for recreational use and protection in 2004. Climbing will be allowed and access to the crag will be guaranteed in perpetuity. This grant supplements a grant awarded by the AF in 2004 for the acquisition.

New River Gorge Viewshed and Climbing Access Protection, Kentucky

A grant was awarded to the New River Alliance of Climbers to conduct modeling research on the potential climbing viewshed impact of proposed housing developments on the rim of the New River Gorge. The Park Service analysis is limited by its inability to definitively model the impact of the development when the leaves have fallen. An independent third party with the ability to model the vegetative cover is needed to validate the park service analysis. This modeling will include viewshed impacts from popular climbing areas.

Laurel Knob Acquisition Project, North Carolina

The Carolina Climbers Coalition received two grants, one made possible by Petzl and Scarpa, and the other made possible by REI and eleven of their vendors, to assist with the purchase of a 50-acre tract near Cashiers, North Carolina containing what is arguably the tallest cliff in the eastern United States – a granite wall over 1,000 feet tall known as Laurel Knob. The purchase opens up a previously closed climbing area. This grant supplements a grant awarded by the AF in 2005 for the acquisition.

Frenches Dome Slope Stabilization and Belay Platform Construction, Oregon

The Forest Service was awarded a grant to help pay for a slope stabilization and belay platform construction project

at a popular climbing destination near Mt. Hood. Heavy use at this site has resulted in erosion and vegetation loss at the base of the rock and outlying areas. The project will involve the construction of rock retaining walls, a trail on the northeast side of the formation that will direct use, and re-vegetation in areas that are no longer in the travel zone.

Youtlkut Pillars Restoration, Oregon

The Forest Service was awarded a grant to help pay for a toilet construction project at a popular climbing destination in the Umpqua National Forest. This area has a 25 year history of attracting large climbing groups such as local Search & Rescue, Boy Scouts, ROTC, and the local Job Corps Center, resulting in heavy use.

Reimers Ranch Bridge Construction Project, Texas

A grant was awarded to the Central Texas Mountaineers for erosion control and bridge construction work at Reimers Ranch outside of Austin. In November 2005, Reimers Ranch was purchased by Travis County to be used as a public park. Since the acquisition of Reimers by Travis County, visitation to the area has increased substantially. The construction of two bridges will provide safer access to climbing areas, reduces impact to the stream, and protects vegetation and stream life.

Maple Canyon Bridge and Kiosk Construction Project, Utah

Manti-La Sal National Forest was awarded a grant to construct a bridge and an educational kiosk. The Middle Fork Trail in Maple Canyon receives heavy use and impacts the stream that must be crossed to access the climbing trails. The bridge help minimize the impacts of use by re-vegetating the river's banks and kiosks will provide education to all users on camping, minimum impact techniques and cultural resources.

Friends of Indian Creek Brochure, Utah

The Friends of Indian Creek received a grant to produce an Indian Creek informational and educational brochure. The brochure focuses on providing concise information on camping, private lands issues within the area, and the BLM's management plan for Indian Creek.



Jill Woods, pitch 9, Moonlight Butress. Zion, UT
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Access To Hyalite Canyon Ice Climbing In Jeopardy, MT

By Emily Stifler

The new Gallatin National Forest travel plan severely threatens access to the world-class ice climbing in Hyalite Canyon near Bozeman, Montana. The plan closes and gates Hyalite Canyon road, the only reasonable access road to the ice climbing, between January 1 and May 15. This decision effectively reduces a 5-month ice climbing season to five weeks, eliminates 77% of all ice climbing and over 92% of the beginner and intermediate climbs in the Bozeman area.

How you can help:

1. Take a 5 minute survey

The Southwestern Montana Climbers Coalition's and First Ascent Press have created an online survey for all ice climbers. The results of this survey will help in policy arguments for access to ice climbing resources in other areas, as well. The survey can be accessed at www.hyalitecanyon.com or directly at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=167794934E65415

We encourage all who are interested in ice climbing to take a few moments to complete the simple survey even if you have not visited Hyalite. No sign up or registration is required and your responses protected by secure encryption. The data will provide extremely useful, if not necessary, information to present our situation to the Forest Service regarding the adopted Gallatin National Forest Travel Plan.

2. Write a letter to the Editor of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle has already published a number of letters from local and non-local climbers that has had an amazing effect on local politicians. Ice climbers now have at least one city and one county commissioner attending meetings. A well constructed, short letter to the Bozeman Daily Chronicle citydesk@dailychronicle.com urging Supervisor Heath to reconsider her decision to gate Hyalite Road and open 3 miles of road for winter access that will save over 140 ice climbs, from the climbers across the country will be useful in applying local political pressure.

3. Stay informed

For more information, recent discussions and updates go to www.montanaice.com/forums.

Background information:

This final plan, entitled 7M, is the culmination of more than four years of discussion, public comment periods, private meetings, letters to the editor, and ongoing debates and arguments among user groups. 7M designates the road beyond the gate for "family oriented cross-country skiing," and leaves ice climbers with two choices for access after December 31: a lengthy backcountry ski, or a circuitous, ungroomed, remote snowmobile route that experienced, local sled-heads call "advanced and difficult riding."

The Southwest Montana Climbers Coalition (SMCC), the Access Fund, First Ascent Press and many other concerned individuals and businesses are currently working hard to explore the options to protect this climbing access.

These groups may need to launch an administrative appeal to the Forest Service, and need more statistics on ice climbing use in Hyalite Canyon. The more climbers take the survey, the more accurate and effective the data will be.



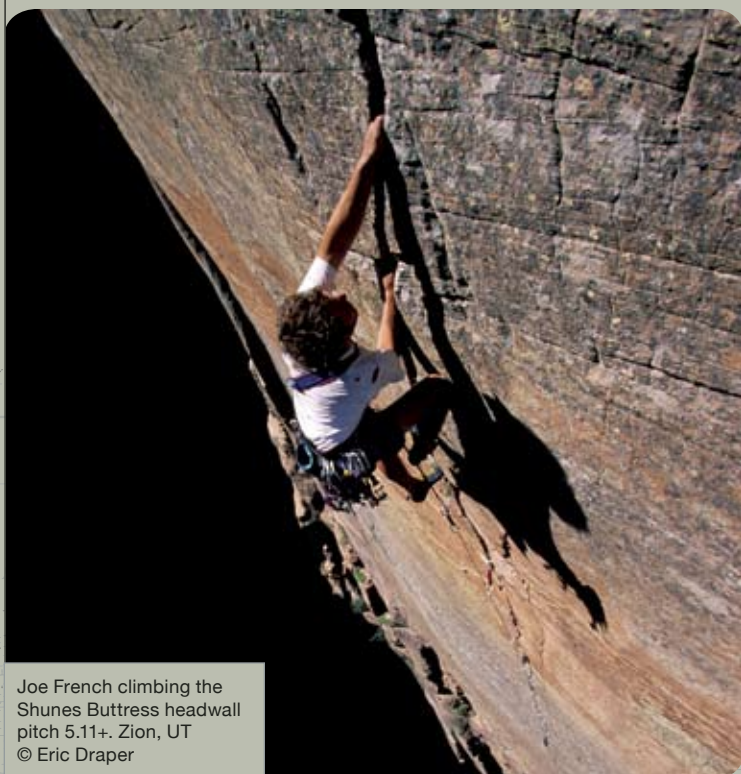
Off-Trail Permits For Climbing Boulder, CO

By Tom Isaacson, President Flatirons Climbers Coalition

Effective February 1, 2007, climbers will need a permit to reach certain boulders and crags with the City of Boulder's Open Space. The effected areas are: Cryptic Crag, Adam's Spire, all of the Metaphysical boulders, and certain boulders west of the Sacred Cliffs. Other restrictions will also apply to climbers. To get more information visit www.flatironsclimbing.com.

Applications for off-trail permits, which are good for one day, may be obtained through the above open space website or at the Chautauqua Ranger Cottage. Further details on the rules will become available soon, as will possible changes to the areas requiring a permit. Please cooperate with this program and encourage others to do so.

The permits are free. Getting caught without one is a \$100 per person fine. Also, it is important to show the land managers that climbers will observe the existing rules and that harsher rules are not needed. Additional rules also apply to hiking to non-climbing destinations and walking with your dog off-trail. You can post questions on the Flatirons Climbing website at www.flatironsclimbing.com



Joe French climbing the Shunes Buttress headwall pitch 5.11+. Zion, UT
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Williamson Rock Closure Update, CA

By Troy Mayr, Access Fund Board of Directors, President Friends of Williamson Rock.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is preparing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the USFS and Friends of Williamson Rock (FoWR).

(FoWR) will present the USFS a draft scoping letter pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This letter will describe the proposed action regarding the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the long-term management of Williamson Rock and the potential for reopening access to climbing activities. The following proposed alternatives shall be included:

- Dry season only access (No flowing water in stream) - Preferred alternative includes monitoring and maintenance, enforcement of seasonal closure, signage, human waste management and parking controls.
- Restricted activity under limited conditions
- Permanent closure
- No project alternative - Return to conditions prior to closure (not a viable option)

The no project alternative is included in the document to serve as a baseline for other alternatives and is required of all NEPA documents. The no project alternative states what the condition or environmental impacts would be in the event the proposed project is not carried out and must be analyzed in the EA.

The scoping process will include an internal USFS review followed by a 30-day public scoping period. As previously stated, the process is required to allow the potential re-opening of Williamson Rock, which has been closed to public access due to designation of critical habitat for the mountain yellow legged frog.

FoWR expects this process to result in ongoing dialog with the USFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the general public—resulting in a plan that meets the needs of all concerned within the parameters of NEPA, Forest Service Guidelines and the Federal Endangered Species Act. This process will also further the intent of FoWR to move forward with the NEPA process and maintain cooperative relations with the U.S. Forest Service as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We strongly encourage you to join the FoWR mailing list by visiting www.williamsonrock.org



Governor Stable Closure, PA

Submitted by Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers

Since initiating the recreational lease of the Governor Stable property, the Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers has been acutely aware that we were entering into a temporary, year-by-year arrangement with the landowner in order to allow climbing access. Due to concerns of the landowner, he has chosen not to renew the lease upon its expiration.

Citing concerns of impact to the deer population and the general environment of the property as a result of the increasing number of climbers visiting the boulders, the landowner feels that ending the lease is in the best interest of his family and their property.

While all of us at the Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers are disappointed by this development, we support the landowner's decision. As a result, there will be no Governor Stable Bouldering Competition in 2007, and access to the boulders will cease on March 1, 2007.

While it is a loss to the climbing community to no longer have access to GS, we must remember the five successful years that we have worked with the landowner to promote the climbing there. We extend our deepest gratitude to the owners of Governor Stable for the time that they have given us to enjoy their wonderful property.

The Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers will continue to stay in contact with the Governor Stable landowner in the event that his family's wishes change in the future. Any questions should be directed to info@paclimbers.org.

Farley Ledge, MA

By Jeff Squire, Access Fund Regional Coordinator & President WMCC

The Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition has signed a Purchase & Sale Agreement for 9-acres of land at the base of Farley Ledge. Located in Erving, MA, Farley Ledge represents some of the best climbing and bouldering in southern New England between Rumney and the Gunks.

This purchase will allow the WMCC to restrict non-climbing related development at the base of the crag and construct a sustainable and permanent parking area. The new parking area and trailhead will replace the existing small lot now located at the end of a busy residential neighborhood.

The WMCC's acquisition of this property is closely aligned with state protection efforts as the entire Farley Ledge area is designated as Core Habitat Area according to MA Wildlife. Additionally, the town's Open Space & Recreation Plan identifies Farley not only as a valuable habitat area, but also as an important outdoor recreational resource. Farley's unspoiled setting, its link to a multi-state trail system, and its climbing potential help make this project the epitome of land preservation.

The closing date is scheduled for May 1st by which we need to raise an additional \$45,000 to finalize the deal. Several fundraisers are planned for the upcoming months including a Silent Auction, our annual Winter Thaw, and a visit from Beth Rodden and Tommy Caldwell in early March. While the local community has been motivated to make this happen raising over \$16,000 over the last 2 months, we still need everyone's help. For more information, to donate or to arrange a tour of some damn good rock, check our website www.westernmacc.com.



The Impressive South Face of Kinesava. Zion, UT
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Eric Draper enjoying the view from his portaledge while attempting a new route on the East Temple. Zion, UT ©Eric Draper

Eric Draper's unique point of view has brought a fresh and creative element to books, calendars, magazines, and posters in numerous publications worldwide.

Based out of Springdale, Utah, Eric is well reputed for shooting high-angle rock climbing in Zion National Park, his playground for the past twelve years. His ambition to share his vision of the world has been the driving force in his photographic career.

In an effort to fully master his craft Eric has recently broadened his scope of photographic projects. Nowadays Eric can be found shooting all aspects of the human experience in the wild arena of the outdoors.

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PARTNER

Editor's Note: Each edition we will highlight a partner that has gone above and beyond in keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

MOUNTAIN GEAR

It's getting to be that time of the year again! The Red Rock Rendezvous presented by Mountain Gear in Red Rocks, NV just outside Vegas is just around the corner.

March 23-25 over 900 climbers from around the country will descend upon the desert warmth for three days of climbing, clinics from the top professional climbers in the industry, and good times.

Mountain Gear always makes this event a huge fundraiser and membership drive for the Access Fund. Last year almost 150 climbers joined the Access Fund at the event and thousands of dollars were raised to keep you climbing.

If you haven't been to the Red Rock Rendezvous before, make this year the year. You'll have a blast!

www.mountaingear.com/rrr for details

REFER a friend



IT'S SO EASY!

Know a climber who's not a member? Get them to join and receive free stuff. The more people you get to join, the more free stuff you get!

A EVERY TIME your name is entered as a referrer, you are entered into a contest to win a rope*.

B REFER TWO FRIENDS and receive a Nalgene Flask. **REFER FOUR FRIENDS** and receive a Nalgene Flask and a dri-release wool T-shirt from Outdoor Research.

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C THE TWO TOP REFERRERS will receive a bonus gift package worth over \$150

REFER your friends by sending them to this NEW link: www.accessfund.org/AFfriend, or give them this card.



*substitutions of equal or greater value may apply. See www.accessfund.org/join/rules.php for official rules.

Kevin Jaramillo solo on Lost Angel V 5.10 A3+. Zion, UT | © Eric Draper



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Local Climbing Organizations and Affiliates

A local climbing organization (LCO) is an organization, association, or access committee working primarily or exclusively to keep climbing areas open, conserve the climbing environment, and promote responsible climbing. LCOs are the liaison between the climbing community and their local land managers and land owners. Affiliates (*) are LCOs who have joined the Access Fund Affiliate Program. If you are an LCO listed below and not an Access Fund Affiliate, please contact Deanne Buck, Programs Director, at 303-545-6772 x112 or deanne@accessfund.org

Alabama

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Arkansas

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Arizona

Arizona Mountaineering Club*
Friends of Queen Creek*
Northern Arizona Climbers Coalition*
Prescott Climbers Coalition*
Tucson Climbers Association*

California

Cragmont Climbing Club
Eastern Sierra Climbers Coalition*
Friends of Joshua Tree*
Friends of Pinnacles
Friends of Williamson Rock*
San Diego Alliance of Climbers*
Southern Sierra Climbers Association*

Colorado

Access Colorado*
Action Committee for Eldorado*
Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance*
Flatirons Climbing Council*
Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition*
Roaring Fork Climbers Coalition*

Connecticut

Ragged Mountain Foundation*

Georgia

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Iowa

Eastern Iowa Climbers Coalition*

Idaho

Boise Climbers Alliance*
Kootenai Climbers*

Illinois

Illinois Climbers Association*

Kentucky

Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Massachusetts

Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston Chapter*
Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition*

Michigan

Grand Ledges Climbers Coalition

Minnesota

Minnesota Climbers Association*

Missouri

Climbers Alliance of Mid-Missouri*
Kansas City Climbing Club*

Montana

Southwest Montana Climbers Coalition

North Carolina

Boone Climbers Coalition*
Carolina Climbers Coalition*
Pisgah Climbers Association*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

New Hampshire

Rumney Climbers Association*

New Jersey

Access NJ*

New Mexico

CRAG-New Mexico*

Nevada

Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council*

New York

Adirondack Mountaineering Coalition*
Gunks Climbers Coalition*

Ohio

Ohio Climbers Association*

Oklahoma

Chandler Park Climbers Coalition*
Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition*

Oregon

AAC - Oregon Section, Access Committee*
Mazamas
Smith Rock Group*

Pennsylvania

Climbing Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania*
Lancaster Climbing Club - Access Project*
Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers*

South Carolina

Carolina Climbers Coalition*
Pisgah Climbers Association*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

South Dakota

Black Hills Climbers Coalition*

Tennessee

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Texas

Central Texas Mountaineers*
Climbers of Hueco Tanks*
Concho Valley Climbers Association*
Texas Mountaineers

Utah

Friends of Indian Creek*
Salt Lake Climbers Alliance*

Virginia

Friends of Great Falls Coalition*

Vermont

CRAG-VT*
Northeastern Vermont Climber's Alliance

Washington

Washington Climbers Coalition*

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Outdoor Access*

West Virginia

Coopers Rock Regional Climbing Coalition*
New River Alliance of Climbers*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Canada

Climbers Access Society of British Columbia*

» to contact your local LCO or to view a LCO website go to: www.accessfund.org/partners/affiliates.php

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