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ANGLE OF REPOSE

Tipping Point- the dramatic moment when something unique becomes common. A sudden spontaneous and mysterious leap of consciousness achieved when a “critical mass” is reached. When we are at the crags and wipe off our tick marks, pick up the stray wrapper and throw it in our pack, go five steps “out of our way” to stay on the established trail, or keep Fido by our side, we are all contributing to the critical mass of conservation.

The Access Fund’s mission is keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment. For us climbing and the environment are synonymous. Can picking up a wrapper make a difference? As stewards of the climbing environment, every single one of our individual actions toward this end are part of a greater whole.

Consider how Access Fund partners are doing their part: prAna purchases wind power for their retailers and has included the Access Fund’s national office in this movement as well; Patagonia was the first outdoor clothing manufacturer to make us look good and stay dry in recycled plastic soda bottles and organic cotton. They have recently added recycled polyester uniforms, tents and garments to their arsenal of cutting edge fabric;

ClifBar is organic; LaSportiva adopted the road next to their Friday afternoon bouldering hangout; REI funds and promotes stewardship and conservation projects; and many of our other partners use organic fibers in their clothing, have green offices, and do their part.

In addition to Adopt-a-Crags and minimum impact practices, your membership dollars are greener than ever: the Access Fund national office’s energy consumption is off-set with wind power thanks to prAna, we have switched our letterhead to recycled paper, most of our outreach is done electronically, the printing we do is limited in scope using soy based inks, our t-shirts are organic cotton and of course we reduce, reuse, recycle whenever we can.

This same approach and attitude is used as we advocate on behalf of the climbing community. None of us want the ice in Montana to disappear or the rock in Atlanta to be paved over. We know climbing has impact but it also has a very positive affect on us as humans and is a necessary part of our being. The crux is knowing how to preserve the opportunities we love for those who have not yet heeded the call or are not yet born.

We all help keep climbing areas open and conserve the climbing environment. Thanks for doing your part, big and small. – Steve Matous, Executive Director



Gilbert Alarie, bouldering in Squamish, BC. | © 2006 Andrew Burr

Comments Needed

Climbers Being Cut Out of City Of Rocks' Twin Sisters Climbing Management Plan, ID

The Twin Sisters, the most prominent and recognizable rock formations at the City of Rocks National Reserve (CIRO) in Idaho, have been closed to climbing since 1993.

CIRO began the process of revising its 1998 Climbing Management Plan (CMP), but the National Park Service (NPS) has already decided, without public input, that it won't even consider an alternative that would allow any climbing on the famed Twin Sisters formation. This position ignores the stance of Idaho's entire Congressional delegation as well as their own NPS policies.

The Access Fund has long advocated for a balanced management scenario that provides even the most modest level of climbing opportunities while not impairing the historical values of the Twin Sisters.

Your voice is critical to reclaim climbing opportunities at Twin Sisters.

The NPS is currently accepting public "scoping" comments. By June, the NPS will publish a draft climbing plan and identify their preferred alternative.

Climbers that care about Twin Sisters, and how the NPS manages our public resources, should write the agency and tell them to:

- expand the narrow and arbitrary scope of their planned climbing management plan revision at the City of Rocks
- add a third alternative that provides at least some level of climbing opportunities on the Twin Sisters that is more consistent with current, though restrictive, NPS management policies.

In addition, write Idaho's Congressional delegation (congress.org) and tell them how much you value Twin Sisters, why an absolute climbing ban is unreasonable when there many lesser restrictive measures are available to protect historic resources (like permitting climbing only in those seasons when wagon trains did not travel through the area), and that you spend money when traveling to CIRO.

For more background information regarding the Twin Sisters issue and why it is important to all recreational users of CIRO and all of our national park units, contact Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith at jason@accessfund.org.

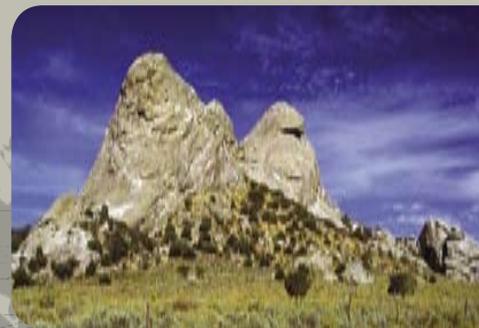
Climbers Needed

To Prevent The Sale of Public Forest Service Land Climbing Areas

The Bush administration is proposing the sale of 200,000 of public National Forest land in 31 states—much of which includes climbing areas—to fund a law requiring the government help pay for school and public services in rural parts of the country. Climber letters are needed to ensure that public climbing areas are not sold.

Because there is so much land up for sale, we need your help to determine if your local crag could be sold- go to www.geocommunicator.gov/NILS-PARCEL2/map.jsp?Map=USFS and select map "USFS RURAL SCHOOLS" If you see your local crag indicated on the map, write Congress (see www.congress.org for your representatives) and urge them to generally oppose this funding ill-conceived funding mechanism for rural schools and government services, and in particular, that your crag should be removed from the auction list.

The Access Fund is in favor of federal funding for rural schools and roads but does condone the permanent sale of public lands to only temporarily support this important program. For more information and letter-writing talking points, go to ["USFS land sales - AA talking points"].





Adopt-A-Crag Becomes Year-Round Event

Bringing communities together to improve and restore their climbing areas, Adopt-a-Crag embodies the stewardship and conservation mission of the Access Fund. Initiated in 2000, Adopt-a-Crag has evolved into the largest climbing volunteer effort in history. Historically occurring during the months of September and October, Adopt-a-Crag's tremendous success has enabled the program's expansion into a year-round event. Now every climbing stewardship effort at anytime of year can be recognized and supported, and by registering it as an Adopt-a-Crag event, you help strengthen the movement, impact, and reputation of climbers as environmental stewards. To register your event or find out about an Adopt-a-Crag in your area, visit <http://www.accessfund.org/adopt>. For more information on Adopt-a-Crag, please contact Kristo Torgersen at Kristo@AccessFund.org or 303.545.6772 x105.

SPOTLIGHTER

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Indian Creek Recreation Plan Update

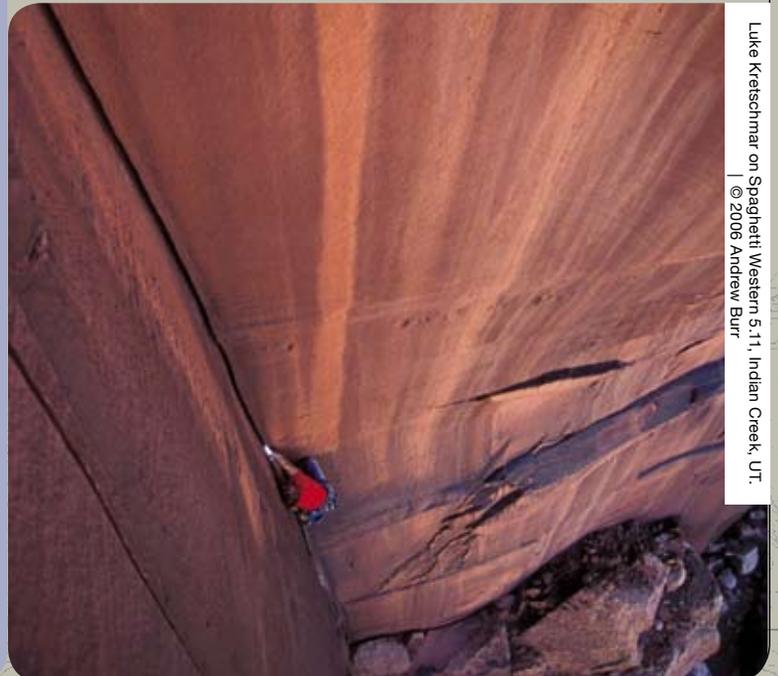
Indian Creek Recreation Plan Update (see <http://www.blm.gov/utah/monticello/ICEA.pdf>). With much input and work by the Access Fund, this progressive plan outlines a new era of BLM management for camping and climbing at Indian Creek, and provides an unprecedented opportunity for climber self-management and a no-fee trial period. Plan implementation will begin in time for the 2006 spring climbing season. What the plan will do:

Climbing – Actual climbing restrictions in the plan are few. As always, no climbing where it conflicts with cultural resources and the BLM may also seasonally close climbing routes which adversely impact nesting raptors/owls. The establishment of new routes and the placing of anchor bolts remain permitted.

Camping – Some areas will be closed to camping (notably, the Newspaper Rock Campground and about 10 campsites along the Bridger Jack Road). Campers can continue to use nearly all of their favorite campsites so long as no new sites are established.

Human Waste – A two-year trial pack-in/pack-out policy will be enforced for human waste and garbage in all portions of Indian Creek. For pointers on how to pack out, check out a new video starring Timmy O'Neill that promotes the use of Wag Bag (www.accessfund.org/extras/index.php).

To help keep Indian Creek wild and primitive, and updated on plan implementation, join the Friends of Indian Creek by emailing friendsofindiancreek@hotmail.com.



Luke Kraitschmar on Spaghetti Western 5.11, Indian Creek, UT. © 2006 Andrew Burr



Denali Backcountry Management Plan Update

Wayne Fuller | Access Fund Regional Coordinator

In late February, the Denali Backcountry Management Plan (“DBMP”) was signed. The purpose of the DBMP is to provide specific direction for the backcountry management of Denali National Park and Preserve for the next 20 years. The development of DBMP was a five year process involving over 24,000 public comments.

One of the more controversial issues involves limiting the number of climbers on the West Buttress corridor to 1,500 climbers per year. Park documents state, “In order to insure long-term resource protection and climber safety in this high use area, the plan limits the number of climbers on Mount McKinley to 1,500 during the main mountaineering season (April 1 – August 1), to be re-evaluated in 10 years.” There also has been talk of possibly increasing the current climbing registration fees, as a method of environmental protection and rescue cost recovery.

The Access Fund, along with the American Alpine Club, has been actively involved with the Denali Backcountry Management Plan representing the interests of over one million climbers and mountaineers. Official position statements were submitted by both organizations in 2001 and 2003. These documents represent hundreds of volunteer hours in the effort to keep Denali National Park open to all climbers and are classic examples of your membership at work.

You can review the Access Funds’ comments, as well as the final document, Denali Backcountry Management Plan, at the following links.

Denali Backcountry Management Plan

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?projectId=10016&documentID=13580>

Access Fund Comments on the Denali Backcountry Management Plan

<https://www.accessfund.org/advo/comments.php>

Help Protect 2000 Acres of Critical Bozeman Pass Open Space and Secure a Major New Public Land Access

Bill Dockins | Access Committee, Southwest Montana Climbers Coalition

Last year, thanks to an outpouring of public support, Montana’s Congressional Delegation secured \$1 million in federal funding for this landmark Bozeman Pass conservation project. Now we need your help again to secure the remaining \$1.6 million we need to complete this project.

The Trust for Public Land and the Gallatin Valley Land Trust are working in partnership with the Forest Service and the Schmidt family to permanently conserve 2,055 acres on Bozeman Pass including access to a popular rock climbing area. Thanks to the generosity of the landowners, we have the opportunity to permanently conserve this land for significantly less than the project’s estimate value of approximately \$5 million.

Congress will soon be considering its priorities for the LWCF for FY 2007. Please contact Montana’s Congressional delegation thank them for securing partial funding for this project last year, and encourage their support for \$1.6 million for the Bozeman Pass/Schmidt property funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the FY 2007 Interior Appropriations Bill.

Contact info: Senator Max Baucus, (Phone: 202 224-2651; Fax: 202 224-0515); Senator Conrad Burns, (Phone: 202 224-2644; Fax: 202 224-8594); Representative Dennis Rehberg (Phone: 202 225-3211; Fax: 202 225-5687)



Nick Iverson, Suck a Burr V1+, Red Rocks, NV. | © 2006 Andrew Burr



Williamson Rock, California Closure Update

Troy Mayr | Friends of Williamson Rock

The premier crag for summer sport climbing in Southern California is closed. The US Forest Service closed Williamson Rock (and all other recreational access in the area) to protect the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog (MYLF), a threatened and endangered species.

As a result of this closure, local climbers formed "Friends of Williamson Rock (FoWR)" as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. FoWR has been working very closely with the Access Fund and USFS to address the closure, and has reason to believe that this will not be a permanent closure. However, the duration of this closure is uncertain, and Williamson Rock will most likely be closed thru this summer's (2006) climbing season.

Please join FoWR by logging on to: <http://www.williamsonrock.org>

Continued Progress in the Flatirons, CO

Tom Isaacson | Flatirons Climbing Council

The Flatirons Climbing Council (FCC), which deals with all climbing access issues in Boulder, including: Mickey Mouse, the Flatirons, Flagstaff, Sanitas, the Dome and Elephant Buttress, has been busy on several fronts.

New Route Potential

After more than a decade of effort, the FCC has achieved a significant relaxation of the bolting ban that has been in place for 16 years. In addition to the areas that were opened on Dinosaur Mountain due to the diligence and relationship-building of the FCC with Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks, the following areas have been added: Gregory Canyon Amphitheater (all sides), Third Flatiron (North side), Seal Rock (North side) and the Slab (West Side). Please visit FlatironsClimbing.com for details on the application process.

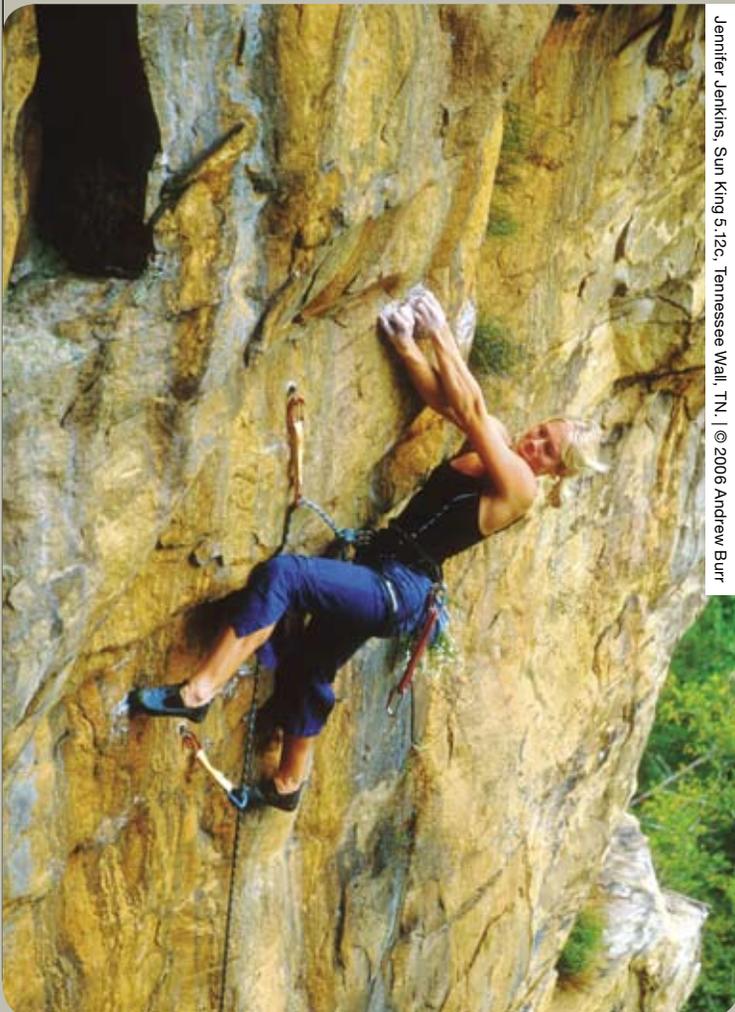
Visitor Master Plan

As a result of last year's Visitor Master Plan, climbers will eventually need permits to go off-trail to climb in so-called HCAs (Habitat Conservation Areas), which include Mickey Mouse, the crags above Rincon, Sacred Cliffs and the bouldering to the West. The FCC is working on two fronts to preserve access to these areas.

First, we are working to develop official trails to these areas. So far, we expect to get official trails to Mickey Mouse and Sacred Cliffs. Trails to the other HCA areas are less certain. Second, for those areas where official trail access is not realistic, we are working to assure that the permit process will be as user-friendly as possible. The City's current proposal will provide unlimited permits with no fee, but will be somewhat inconvenient since the permits last only one day. The permit system takes effect in June 2006. In June 2007 the system will be revised to limit the number of permits, based on the results of the first year.

FlatironsClimbing.com will contain updated information as trails get designated so that climbers can understand when and where they will need a permit.

For more information visit:
www.flatironsclimbing.com



Jennifer Jenkins, Sun King 5.12c, Tennessee Wall, TN. | © 2006 Andrew Burr

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New River Gorge National River, WV

Climbing Management Plan

The National Park Service (NPS) has recently finalized a climbing management plan (CMP) for West Virginia's New River Gorge National River. The NPS will be working with the New River Alliance of Climbers and to phase in changes over the next year. The NPS goal in implementing the CMP is to ensure protection of the park's natural and cultural resources while continuing to provide opportunities for high quality rock climbing experiences..

Changes in climbing management will include new fixed anchor provisions, commercial certification requirements, and group size limitations. The plan also "seeks voluntary compliance for a reduction of recreational use of the areas from Diamond Point to the end of Beauty Mountain" from mid- February through April to support a cliff-nesting raptor monitoring program

The complete CMP can be found at www.nps.gov/neri/cmp. Email any questions or CMP implementation suggestions to neri_cmp@nps.gov or call Gary Hartley at 304-465-6518.

Climbers Input Needed

Shenandoah National Park, VA

Matthew Wikswo

Shenandoah National Park (SNP) is currently in the process of developing a Rock Outcrop Management Project (ROMP)--in other words, a policy to administer cliff sites in the Park and govern the activities that go on there, including rock climbing.

This is a long complicated process that started a year or so ago and has another two or more years to run. It seems to have a conservation/ecology motive behind it, but it could easily have a very deleterious impact on access to climbing at, for example, Old Rag and Little Stony Man, to name but two of the many cliffs in the SNP. In order to preserve access to climbing resources in SNP, the climbing community needs to become active and engaged in the development of this plan!

SNP hosted workshops on April 1st and 4th. If you were unable to attend, but are still interested in being involved, please contact Matthew Wikswo at wikswo@cstone.net.

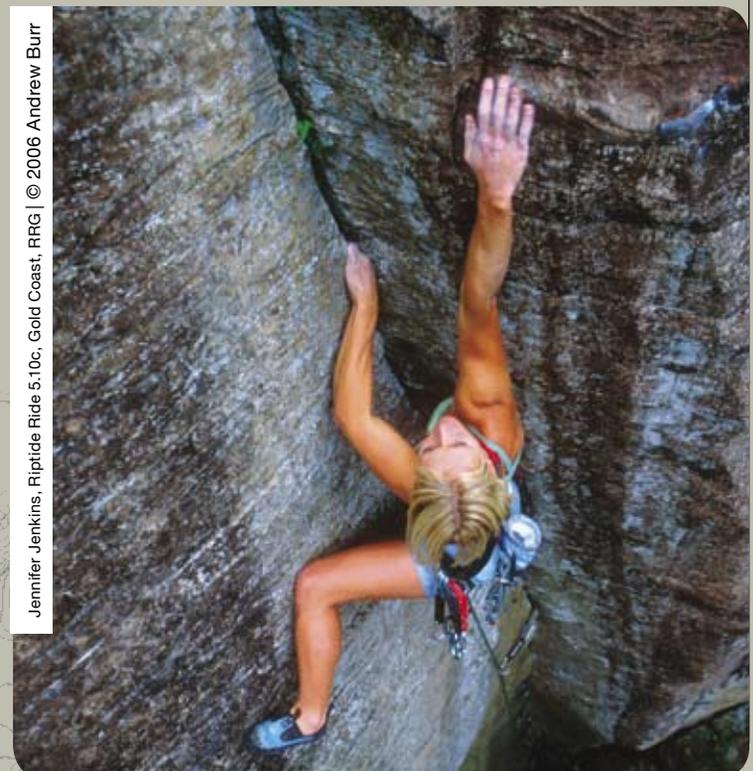
Great Falls Management Plan Update,

VA *Simon Carr | Friends of Great Falls*

Last fall the Friends of Great Fall mobilized D.C.-area climbers to comment on the Draft Management Plan for Great Falls Park, the local National Park Service managed climbing area that is only six miles from the White House. The comment period closed on December 15, 2005 generating approximately 180 comments, the majority of these from local climbers. Almost universally the submissions from climbers were opposed to the NPS proposals.

The Draft Management Plan, released in September 2005, contains a number of proposals which have potentially very significant implications for climbing at Great Falls: in addition to requiring a climbing management plan, the NPS proposes closing certain areas to climbers, requiring permits in advance, and installing permanent anchors.

There is no timetable for the NPS decision and plan implementation. In the meantime, Friends of Great Falls continues to work actively to safeguard climbing opportunities at Great Falls. In particular, Friends of Great Falls has requested under the Freedom of Information Act various documents that describe the scientific justification behind the NPS proposals. Details are available at www.friendsofgreatfalls.com.



Jennifer Jenkins, Riptide Ride 5.10c, Gold Coast, RRG | © 2006 Andrew Burr



Carolina Climbers Coalition Acquires Laurel Knob, NC

Sean Cobourn | Access Fund Regional Coordinator

The Carolina Climbers Coalition (CCC) closed on its Laurel Knob acquisition on February 15th, 2006. The cliff is not yet open to the public, pending some surveying to establish boundaries, as well as establishing access trails.

Trail days are planned for April, with the hope of opening the cliff to the public in May. Thanks to the generosity of the climbing community, close to \$100,000 was raised in 5 months. Donations have flowed in from 34 states and 5 foreign countries located on 4 continents! The CCC would like to thank the Access Fund for a \$10,000 grant and all who have donated to date but need to point out that another \$150,000 is needed to pay off the notes!

Closure of Torrent Falls Crag Threatened, KY

Bill Strachan | Executive Director Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition

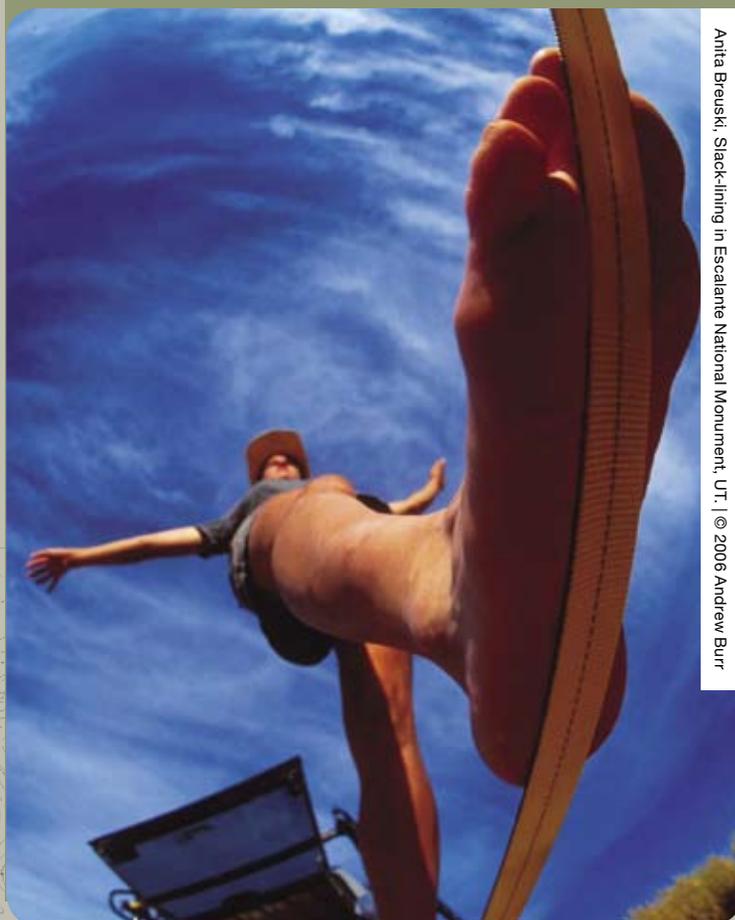
Mark Meyer, the owner of Torrent Falls, made it clear to the RRGCC that he was seriously considering closing Torrent to climbing due to his frustration with climber behavior. Mark and his wife Kathy own and operate a bed and breakfast at the area and have been allowing public access for rock climbing. However, the Meyers and their guests have been disturbed by the rude and disrespectful behavior of some climbers on numerous occasions.

Problems that the Meyers and their guests have experienced from climbers on the property include but are not limited to littering; unleashed and unruly dogs; dogs and humans relieving themselves on the B&B grounds; the use of foul language in the presence of children; large groups of climbers swarming the crag; use of parking spaces reserved for B&B guests; and using chairs and firewood reserved for B&B guests.

Mr. Meyers has provided a set of eighteen rules which are posted both at <http://www.redriverclimbing.com/viewtopic.php?t=6589&highlight=>. Climbers have until May 1, 2006 to demonstrate adherence to those rules before closing the area.

Andrew Burr's passion is his photography. His goal is to capture rare moments of intimate human emotion set on the amazing background that is our natural environment. His photographic exploits have taken him from Baja to the Brooks Range, and most places in between. His favorite backdrop, however, is the American Southwest, where he has climbed dozens of desert towers, explored numerous slot canyons, and floated many of the major rivers all with camera gear in tow. He used to make weekly pilgrimages to southern Utah nearly year-round until he rediscovered the world of backcountry touring in the Wasatch Mountains. (Why spend half an hour in the cold trying to stick an A3 hook move when you can skin up and cruise down a thousand feet of fresh powder in the same amount of time?) Now, his travels are more seasonal: desert adventures in the spring and fall, ski/snowboard touring and ice climbing in the winter, and traveling the high country in the summer. With additional exploits as a surfer, kayaker, and backpacker, Andy has become an all-around outdoor adventure photographer.

To see more of Andrew's work go to www.andrewburr.com



Anita Breuski, Slack-lining in Escalante National Monument, UT. | © 2006 Andrew Burr



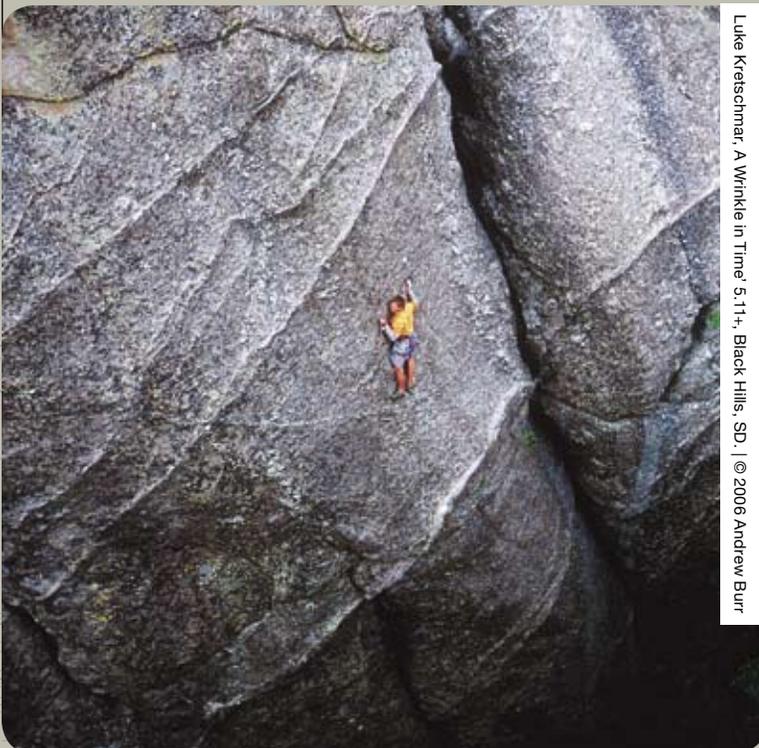
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A big thanks goes to Paul Fish & Platinum Partner **Mountain Gear** for including an Access Fund membership along with an intro to climbing registration for the 2006 Red Rock Rendezvous! 114 participants became members through the intro day and 39 other climbers joined at the event. In all the Red Rock Rendezvous brought in 153 members

Thank you to Peter Metcalf & **Black Diamond**, a Diamond Plus Partner for leading the way to a new Corporate Match Membership Program! Custom member forms are provided for your organization and offer a free t-shirt when you join through this program!

How it works: corporate partner employees can take advantage of this offer and receive a full-value membership by signing up for \$12.50 + \$12.50 will be matched by the employer. 47 BD employees signed up through this program...top that!

Partners, this is an excellent opportunity to further strengthen our mission by boosting membership support and outreach to the climbing community. To include an Access Fund membership with your event, or to participate in the Corporate Match membership program, please contact Membership Director Kerry Cowan: 303-545-6772 x106 | kerry@accessfund.org.



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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.

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Urban Climber Magazine embodies the mantra: climbers, the environment, and access are all connected. From issue one, access and the environment have been an integral part of every story, interview, and photograph, which is a deliberate decision by the editors and writers of Urban Climber. As the climbing gyms initiate newbies to the etiquettes of indoor climbing, one of the most important elements has been widely left out: climbers, the environment, and access ARE all connected.

The Access Fund's boulderProject addresses this question and Urban Climber has been there from the beginning to help spread the importance of stewardship, personal responsibility, and community throughout their pages and in everything they do.

All of our actions help keep climbing areas open and conserve the climbing environment. Thanks to Urban Climber for the important role they've taken on.

Pick up the April/May edition of Urban Climber to read their Homage to the Access Fund celebrating 15 years of keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

Access Fund 15th Anniversary Party

Las Vegas, NV April 29



When: Saturday, April 29th

Where: Vegas Baby!

How: Tickets for the event are on sale now for **\$35**
**Please purchase your tickets early!*

Here's the Plan...

Folks are gathering to climb at Red Rocks during the day, but the real party starts at 6:00pm at the Quonset Hut in Blue Diamond, NV.

Blue Diamond is a small mining town located just 16.5 miles from Las Vegas and just 8 miles from Red Rock Canyon. The 'Big Orange' Quonset Hut located in the center of Blue Diamond, NV)

1 Village Drive Blue Diamond, NV 89004

Here's the schedule...

Saturday 9:00am

Climbing at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

If you are looking for a climbing partner for the day or just want Coffee and a Danish meet us in the parking lot at BLM Visitor Center (about 1/2 mile in off the Loop Road entrance to the park) It is \$5 to enter the park or free if you have a National Parks Pass.

Saturday 6:00pm

Evening festivities include:

Dinner buffet

Music

Beer and wine provided

Gear raffle and slideshow by Corey Rich titled "My Favorite Place", Great Athletes in the Great Outdoors By Jason Paur with Photographs by Corey Rich.

Here's How to Purchase a Ticket...

Each ticket buys you a complimentary Access Fund Membership or a certificate for a one-year membership to give to a friend.

You can purchase tickets online at:

<http://www.accessfund.org/tickets/>

Or send your check to:

Access Fund
P.O. Box 17010
Boulder, CO 80308

*please write **15th Anniversary** in the subject line of your check, thank you.

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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

AL Southeastern Climbers Coalition*	CT Ragged Mountain Foundation*	NC Boone Climbers Coalition* Carolina Climbers Coalition* Pisgah Climbers Association* Southeastern Climbers Coalition*	SC Carolina Climbers Coalition* Pisgah Climbers Association* Southeastern Climbers Coalition*
AR Southeastern Climbers Coalition*	GA Southeastern Climbers Coalition*	NH Rumney Climbers Association*	SD Black Hills Climbers Coalition*
AZ Arizona Mountaineering Club* Friends of Queen Creek* Northern Arizona Climbers Coalition* Prescott Climbers Coalition* Tucson Climbers Association*	IA Eastern Iowa Climbers Coalition*	NJ Access NJ*	TN Southeastern Climbers Coalition*
CA Bigfoot Country Climbers Association* 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*	ID Boise Climbers Alliance* Kootenai Climbers*	NM CRAG-New Mexico*	TX Central Texas Mountaineers* Climbers of Hueco Tanks* Texas Mountaineers
IL Illinois Climbers Association	IL Illinois Climbers Association	NV Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council*	UT Friends of Indian Creek* Salt Lake Climbers Alliance*
KY Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition* Southeastern Climbers Coalition*	MA Appalachian Mountain Club Boston Chapter* Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition*	NY Gunks Climbers Coalition*	VA Friends of Great Falls Coalition*
CN Climbers Access Society of British Columbia*	MI Grand Ledges Climbers Coalition	OH Ohio Climbers Association*	VT CRAG-VT*
CO Action Committee for Eldorado* Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance* Flatirons Climbing Council* Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition*	MN Minnesota Climbers Association*	OK Chandler Park Climbers Coalition* Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition*	WA Washington Climbers Coalition*
MO Climbers Alliance of Mid-Missouri* Kansas City Climbing Club*	OR AAC - Oregon Section, Access Committee* Mazamas Smith Rock Group*	WI Wisconsin Outdoor Access*	WV Coopers Rock Regional Climbing Coalition* New River Alliance of Climbers* Southeastern Climbers Coalition*
MT Southwest Montana Climbers Coalition	PA Lancaster Climbing Club - Access Project* Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers*		



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