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introduction



Since John Muir first stepped foot in Yosemite Valley in 1868, some of our nation's most effective environmentalists have been climbers. Yet climbers continue to be dogged by the notion that climbing and environmentalism are inherently at odds. The Access Fund is working hard to disprove this notion. Here are a few examples of our recent efforts:

In early November, an Associated Press article on climbing was syndicated nationwide. It contained a number of bizarre inaccuracies, such as "in Joshua Tree National Park, boulders are riddled with holes and stakes marking climbing routes," and depicted climbers as environmentally irresponsible, confrontational, abusive to animals, reckless, and damaging to wilderness areas. In less than a week, the Access Fund sent a rebuttal letter that corrected these inaccuracies and misconceptions to every newspaper that ran the article. www.accessfund.org/display/page/PR/81

The Access Fund recently spent time in San Diego working with a group of dedicated local climbers on an access issue in the Cleveland National Forest. The Forest Service has proposed widespread closures

of entire climbing areas based on the erroneous assumption that climbers and birds of prey are completely incompatible. The Access Fund believes, that by working together with climbers, the Forest Service could actually create a better outcome for both birds and climbers.

The Access Fund is leading the Outdoor Alliance's www.outdooralliance.net reform the General Mining Law of 1872. The Outdoor Alliance believes that after 135 years it is time to modernize the law and balance mining with all other uses of public land, such as clean water and outdoor recreation. Mining interests currently threaten several important climbing areas, including Oak Flat in Arizona and Lost Horse Canyon in Montana. The Access Fund's work on this campaign will benefit all outdoor users, help protect our nation's public lands, and hopefully cleanup the half-million abandoned mines across the country.

In 2007, the Access Fund organized and supported 129 Adopt-a-Crags. Thanks to our grassroots network of dedicated volunteers and local climbing organizations, climbers

nationwide are continuing to give back to the land they love and to demonstrate the power of the climbing community.

The Access Fund is working hard to show the nation that climbers are great stewards of the environment. Taking care of our wild places is the right thing to do. It is also one of the most important and effective ways to keep climbing areas open. In order for the Access Fund to continue this important work, we need your continued support.

Please consider giving an additional donation or renewing your membership today. Sending in your support before the end of the year will ensure that we are able to do what we need to do to keep you climbing. If you know climbers who aren't members, tell them why it is important to join.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

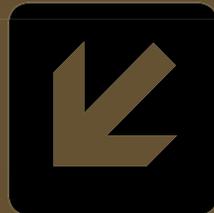
Brady Robinson



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Each year the Access Fund recognizes individuals and businesses that volunteer their efforts and shine above the rest in their commitment and work on behalf of the American climbing community for keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

This year's awards and recipients are:



SHARP END AWARD:

For leadership and activism in preserving climbing access and the climbing environment

Jeff Squire and Rob Sullivan of the **Western Mass Climbers Coalition** for the Farley's Ledge Acquisition which is hailed as the best crag between the Gunks and Rumney. Farley's Ledge had ongoing access issues, primarily due to parking shortages. The purchase of the Erving, MA parcel will prevent land development and provide public access to the crag. Jeff, Rob, and the Western Mass Climbers Coalition have worked closely with neighbors and local officials to assure the relationship remains positive and lasting for the New England Climbing community. Fundraising was helped with grants from the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Access Fund.

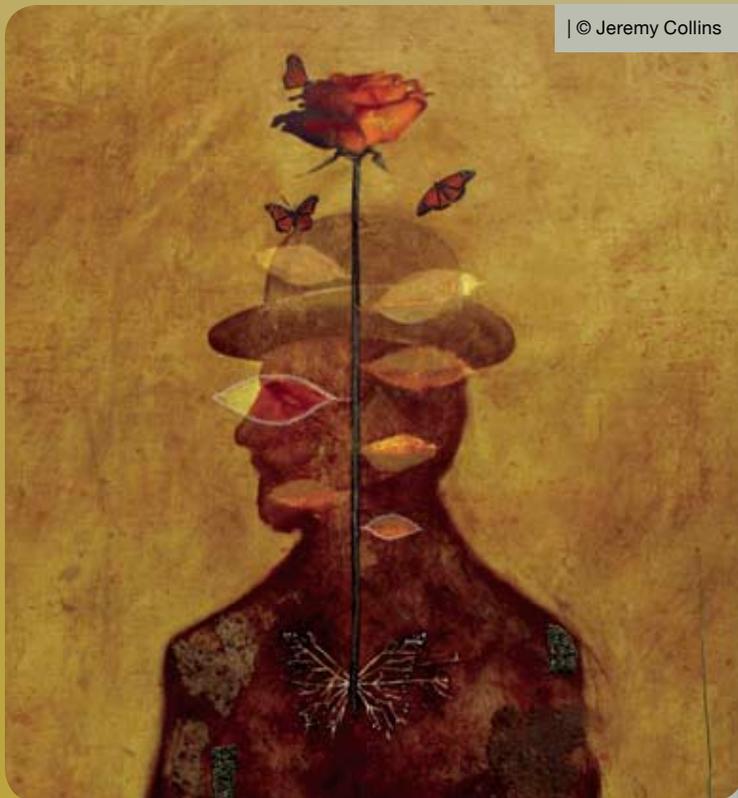
Troy Mayr and the Friends of Williamson Rock for working tirelessly to reopen Williamson Rock in Southern California's Angeles National Forest to climbing. Troy and the Friends of Williamson Rock (FoWR) have made incredible progress in the face of considerable odds. While climbing access is currently closed due to a disputed designation of a critical habitat, major strides have been made between FoWR and the U.S. Forest Service, creating an open dialog as well as finding guidelines to come to a solution to reopen Williamson Rock to climbing as soon as possible.

REESE MARTIN MEMORIAL AWARD REGIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR:

For leadership and activism in preserving climbing access and the climbing environment, and specifically for their volunteer work as an Access Fund representative

Joe Josephson of the **Southwestern Montana Climbers' Coalition** has been essential in the Montana climbing community's efforts to assure access across the state. Recently and notably, Joe brought together the Forest Service, local and federal officials, the media, and other user groups to successfully fight a proposed gating of access roads to Hyalite Canyon's vast ice climbing resources. Joe has also been working closely with the Access Fund to lobby Congress to designate Hyalite Canyon as a National Recreation Area.

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| 2007 Wrap-up and Awards

adopt-a-crag

Presented by REI, GORE-TEX Products, and CLIF Bar

The Access Fund would like to thank everyone who participated in an Adopt-a-Crag event in 2007 and to congratulate the event organizers who made the 8th Annual Adopt-a-Crag the biggest year ever!

Adopt-a-Crag is the largest, communal climber volunteer effort each year. Adopt-a-Crag events show landmanagers that climbers take care of the places they play while celebrating their crags through stewardship efforts that maintain the climbing environment and strengthen the reputation of the climbing community.

This year the majority of events occurred during the traditional months of September and October, which have become the Adopt-a-Crag Celebration Season. Adopt-a-Crag 2007 exceeded expectations with **7,000 volunteers logging over 32,200 volunteer hours at 129 events in 35 states**, Puerto Rico, and British Columbia. This amazing effort from the climbing community equates to over \$604,000* worth of volunteer time devoted to conserving our climbing areas.

*In 2006, the Independent Sector www.independetsector.org cited \$18.77 per hour as the monetary value of volunteer time.

Each year awards are given to Adopt-a-crag events and organizers that went above and beyond. This year's Adopt-a-Crag Awards are presented to:

THE ACCESS FUND AND REI ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE ADOPT-A-CRAG OF THE YEAR AWARD TO:

Adam Reyes, REI Northridge/Arcadia and the Stoney Point, CA. Clean-Up. On October 20, local REI employees (REI Northridge and REI Arcadia) teamed up with the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department to host the annual Stoney Point Clean-Up in Chatsworth, CA. With 189 volunteers contributing over 570 volunteer hours, the local climbing community cleaned up this historic bouldering area. Special thanks goes to the LA Parks and Recreation Department for opening the gates and providing a garbage truck for the event. Other groups involved in this great event were Trader Joe's, REM Eyewear, and the local Boy Scouts.



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2007 Wrap-up and Awards adopt-a-crag

THE ACCESS FUND AND GORE-TEX® PRODUCTS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE ADOPT-A-CRAG STEWARDSHIP AWARD TO:

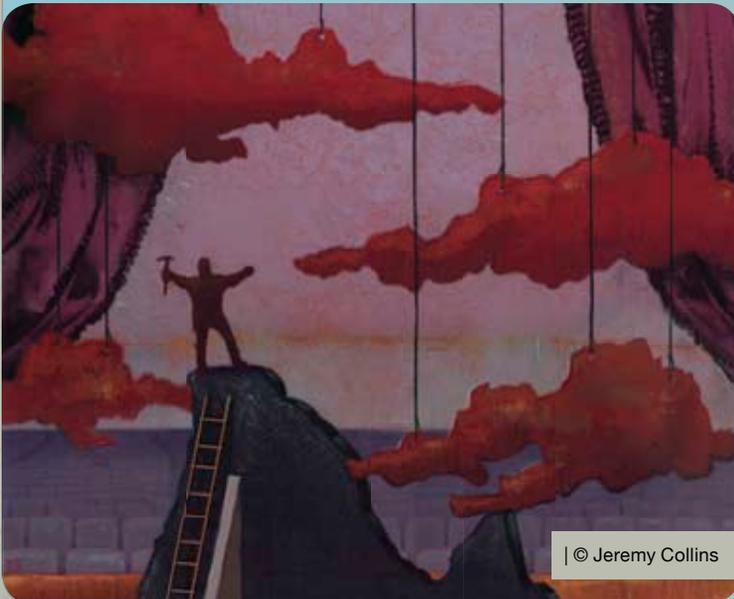
Amy Carden for the “Dude Where’s My Stash!” Adopt-a-Crag events at Mt. Evans, CO and Chaos Canyon, Rocky Mountain National Park, CO.

Amy Carden, a concerned climber from Westminster, CO and manager of AF Corporate Partner ROCK’n & JAM’n climbing gym, took the lead in creating a dialogue with park rangers and organized two Adopt-a-Crags to mitigate climber impacts in two alpine bouldering areas. The “Dude Where’s My Stash” events made a lasting and positive impression on rangers at Rocky Mountain National Park and Mt. Evans. Amy deserves a big “thank you” from the climbing community for protecting the resources we love.

THE ACCESS FUND AND CLIF BAR ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE ADOPT-A-CRAG CONSERVATION AWARD TO:

The Minnesota Climbers Association.

Rock climbing and environmental stewardship thrives in the Midwest. This year’s stewardship award goes to the members of the Minnesota Climbers Association (MCA), including Glenn Burns and Kiaja Webster (AF Regional Coordinator-MN). The MCA organized six Adopt-a-Crag events in a five-month period in both Minnesota and Wisconsin at Ely’s Peak, Taylor Falls, Barn Bluff, the North Shore, and Willow River. Average turnout was 30 participants contributing 110 total volunteer hours at each event. Projects included anchor replacements, trail maintenance, trash cleanup, and tree planting.



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THE ACCESS FUND “IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN AWARD” IS PRESENTED TO: *(NEW FOR 2007)*

The 4th Annual Yosemite Facelift, hosted by the Yosemite Climbing Association and organized by Ken Yager. Last year’s Yosemite Facelift broke all-time Adopt-a-Crag records with over 1,100 volunteers and 9,200 volunteer hours. For that, Ken Yager and the YCA received the Adopt-a-Crag of the Year Award.

This year the Yosemite Facelift had OVER 2,900 volunteers and 18,300 volunteer hours! As a result, the Yosemite Facelift has been removed from the normal Adopt-a-Crag Awards. Until someone gives Ken a run for his money, we have placed the Yosemite Facelift in a league of its own.

Adopt-a-Crag provides a national “voice” and resources to the many local stewardship events organized within the climbing community each year and would not be possible without the generous support of its sponsors.

Adopt-a-Crag Sponsors:

Adopt-a-Crag would not be possible without the enormous support of its sponsors who provide key financial backing that allows the Access Fund to supply resources, volunteer gifts, and clean-up materials to each Adopt-a-Crag event.

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Southwest Colorado Update

By Steve Johnson, SW Colorado Regional Access Fund Coordinator

Wilson Peak Access Restored, CO

For the past several years a private landowner has forbidden public access to Wilson Peak through Silver Pick Basin. Public access to the peak—a popular fourteenner located at the headwaters of the San Miguel and Dolores rivers in southwestern Colorado—has been restored.

On Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) announced that it had closed on the purchase of 23 patented mining claims in Silver Pick Basin. The claims encompass several hundred acres (situated mostly above timberline) that are crossed by hiking trails that access the West Face and Southwest Ridge of Wilson Peak and extend near the summit. The acquisition of these claims also frees up access to Navajo Basin from Silver Pick

Basin, from which two additional fourteeners, Mt. Wilson and El Diente Peak, and thirteener Gladstone Peak are often climbed.

The TPL is still seeking to raise \$1.6 million of the \$3 million purchase price. Several large, private and foundation grants were key to the purchase, including grants from the Telluride Foundation, the Tishman family, and Coors Brewing, which features Wilson Peak on its beer cans and ads.

The landowner will retain several claims at the bottom of Silver Pick Basin and in the Rock House area in mid-basin. The TPL and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Norwood Ranger District are studying the

possibility of a partial trail re-alignment to avoid these claims. This may necessitate a new trailhead, which could add approximately 400 vertical feet, a half-mile of new trail, and a more scenic approach exclusively on USFS lands.

Public access to the new trail is not expected to be open until late summer/fall 2008. In the meantime, the popular Southwest Ridge route from the Rock of Ages col to the summit of Wilson Peak can be approached from Navajo and Bilk Creek basins.

The Telluride Mountain Club, Colorado Mountain Club, Western Mining Action Project, and Sheep Mountain Alliance were instrumental in opposing the closures and related development scenarios that could have included hard rock mining, unbalanced land exchange proposals, and public road modifications. They worked with the landowner and public agencies to obtain accurate surveys and to explore closure alternatives before the TPL purchase. The late Charlie Fowler was also active in this multi-year effort.

Canyons Of The Ancients Draft Management Plan Comment Period

The Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) near Cortez, CO has released a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP). It is available for review at www.blm.gov/rmp/canm/deis.html. The draft RMP comment period ends on January 25, 2008. Several local, public comment meetings are scheduled for November.

There is some new route activity in CANM on weathered Dakota Sandstone, mostly around Yellow Jacket Crag. These routes consist mostly of bolted face climbs; other areas are being explored and new-routed as well. To the consternation of local climbers, the RMP preferred alternative (#5) reportedly proposes to restrict rock climbing to unidentified designated areas despite little documentation or analysis of climbing impacts (relative to permitted oil and gas and grazing activities). Public comment that supports expanded rock climbing opportunities and freedoms and that argues that expanded climbing can be managed to avoid archeological resource impacts could help modify the final plan.



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San Diego Climbers Face Major Climbing Area Closures and Wildfires, CA

By Stacy Roberts, Associate Director and President, Allied Climbers of San Diego

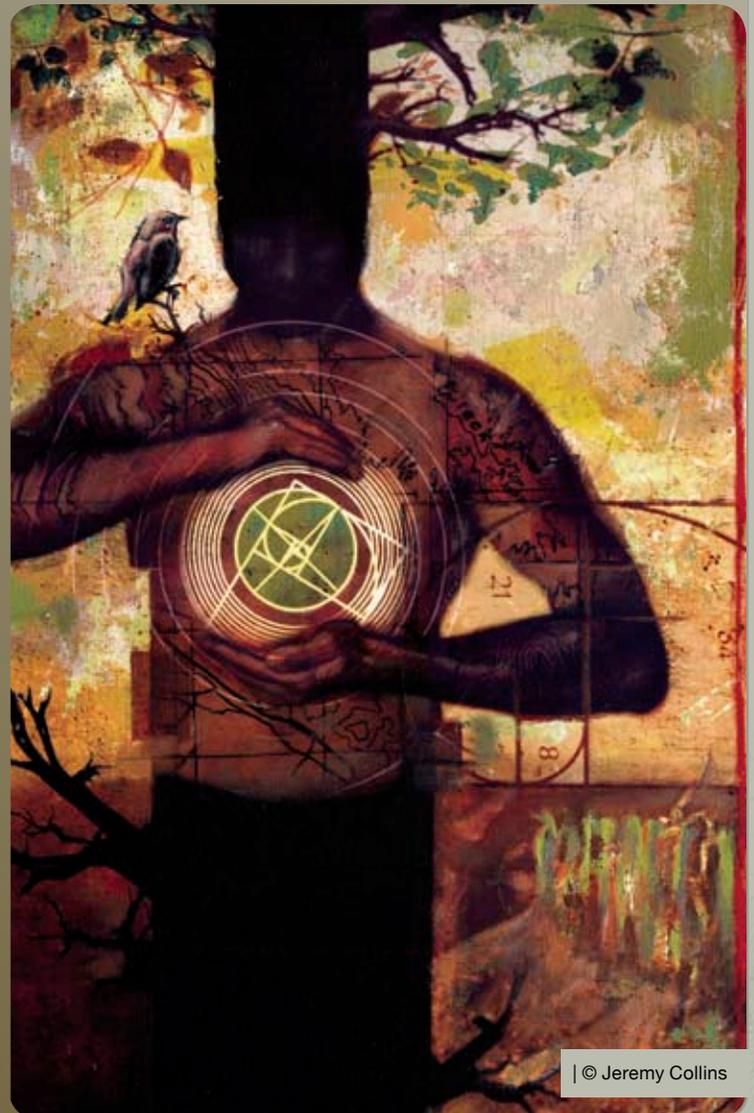
San Diego climbers are holding strong and uniting as a community to fight for climbing access, to recover after major fires hit Southern California, and to work closely with the Access Fund.

The Allied Climbers of San Diego (ACSD) has been patiently waiting for the results of an Environmental Assessment on a proposal by the Cleveland National Forest (CNF) to deny well-established climbing in order to create nesting habitat for non-threatened golden eagles and prairie falcons based on “historical” nesting of eagles in the vicinity. This proposal would close climbing areas that have no indication of eagles’ nests ever being present on the cliff faces that climbers use or within the viewshed of climbers’ activities.

This action is unprecedented. No conflict exists between climbers and eagles at the areas proposed for closures. The CNF’s proposals encompass 2,640 feet in all directions of supposed historical nests, yet they have refused to provide any evidence to support their claims of these cliffs as “nesting locations.” The outcome of this proposal could have national implications because the CNF has invoked authority for this action under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The MBTA protects over 800 bird species, some as common as crows, swallows, and hummingbirds. Accordingly, climbing areas across the country could become more susceptible to unnecessary and unjustified closures because most outdoor climbing takes place on crags or in areas that could be “considered” suitable nesting habitat for birds covered under the MBTA.

In other news, due to recent wildfires in much of Southern California, all Southern California national forests have been closed until further notice. These fires also affected a majority of San Diego’s crags. ACSD is working to assess damage; to educate the San Diego climbing community about the status of these crags; and to find out where climbers can physically help out with restoration, trail maintenance, and other volunteer efforts. Local crags known to have been affected by the fires include Eagle Peak, El Cajon Mountain, and Mt. Woodson. Whether or not the rock has exfoliated on certain routes or entire sections of the cliffs (due to the extreme temperatures of the fires) is still to be determined.

Up-to-date information will be posted on the ACSD website www.alliedclimbers.org as it becomes available and confirmed.



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| Access Fund receives

4 star rating

Access Fund—4 Star Rating and End of Year Giving

The Access Fund has achieved the highest rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, the country's premier charity evaluator. Less than a quarter of the country's charity organizations have received this highest rating.

This "exceptional" designation indicates that the Access Fund outperforms the majority of non-profits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility. We put your money to work doing what you want it to do—keep climbing areas open and conserve the climbing environment.

The end of the year kicks off the charitable giving season and the tax laws intentionally encourage charitable giving. Individuals who make their gifts by December 31 and itemize can significantly reduce their 2007 income taxes!

As you consider your end-of-year charitable giving, please think about making a special or additional, tax-deductible gift to the Access Fund. Your special gift of \$75, \$150, \$250, or more will help continue the Access Fund's commitment to keeping climbing areas open and to preserving the climbing environment.

There are many ways to give, including gifts of cash, stock, bequests, and real estate.

To make a donation go to www.accessfund.org/support or send a check to:
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Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grants Coming to a Crag Near You!

Need a parking lot for your favorite crag? What about a new trail? Or are you in the middle of a large stewardship project? AF's Climbing Preservation Grants could help you or your organization accomplish your mission.

The Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grant program funds projects throughout the United States that preserve or enhance climbing access and opportunities and conserve the climbing environment. Since 1991, we have provided over a million dollars in grant money to organizations and individuals that identify and work on the root causes of local climbing access and conservation issues, as well as approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Because positive change often occurs through strong grassroots movements, our funding focuses on organizations and individuals that build a strong base of local climber support and activism.

There are three rounds of grants issued each year. Grant applications must be received by March 1, June 15, or September 15 to be considered for funding in the associated grant cycle.

If you would like to receive an Access Fund grant, your mission should be quantifiable; your plan should have specific goals, objectives, and action items; and it should include measures for evaluating success. Because the Access Fund is a member-supported, non-profit organization, we fund groups whose missions align with ours and whose grant objectives further our shared missions. Most grants range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The Access Fund considers requests for over \$10,000, but such projects should have national significance and utilize matching funds. If you are requesting more than \$10,000, please call the Access Fund before submitting your application.

For more information or to see if your project fits our grant guideless, visit:
www.accessfund.org/cons/guidelines.php

See examples of past Access Fund Preservation Grants at www.accessfund.org/grants





Outdoor Alliance Continues to Advocate for Human-Powered Recreation

Inside Washington, D.C. there are three traditional voices in the debate over how to manage public lands and waters: extractive industries, the environmental/conservation community, and outdoor recreation. Until recently, the voice of outdoor recreation was essentially the voice of industrial tourism and motorized recreation. Largely absent from the debate, at least on the national level, was the human-powered outdoor recreation community.

Now the Outdoor Alliance (OA) seeks to substantially enhance the conservation and stewardship voice of the public lands and waters debate by developing and advocating for its own national policy platform and by pursuing strategic relationships with the conservation community.

The Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of six national, member-based, human-powered outdoor recreation advocacy organizations, including the Access Fund, that share a mission to enhance and protect the lands, waters, and snowscapes on which their outdoor pursuits occur. **OA has been busy in 2007. Here are some of our accomplishments so far:**

- Established a staffing and operational presence in Washington, D.C. and created a visual identity and website www.outdooralliance.net based on a comprehensive media audit and analysis
- Developed a public land conservation and stewardship policy platform and advocated for the same through letters and comments to federal land management agencies and Congressional testimony
- Cultivated high-level relationships with both Congressional offices (personal and committee) and senior federal land management agency officials
- Pursued close working relationships with other members of the conservation and stewardship community. OA is also coordinating with newer members of the conservation community, including the Outdoor Industry Association.
- OA played a key role in the 1872 Mining Law Reform Bill, HR 2262, passing the House. In conjunction with our Mining Reform coalition partners, each OA member organization worked extensively to lobby key

Congressional Representatives at the initial Member education and co-sponsor drive, committee mark-up, and Floor vote stages.

- Developed a national database of all OA member organization clubs (numbering almost 1,400) organized by state and zip code, with entries for each club's state and federal elected officials

Next year the Outdoor Alliance will work to:

- Coordinate with the broader conservation community on legislative campaigns to protect roadless areas in national forest lands, remedy the various defects in the forest planning process, secure permanent status for the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, and pursue mining reform in the Senate
- Continue efforts to secure proper funding for all public lands through the annual appropriations process by identifying public land funding priorities and advocating for the same.
- Maintain OA's welcomed and highly valued presence in Washington and continue to raise the profile of the human-powered outdoor recreation community in the national forum of public lands and waters management
- Continue to develop and enhance OA's ability to mobilize its collective membership, when needed, to advance policy objective
- Develop and seek to mobilize the voice of active outdoor recreation in the public dialogue on climate change

For more information, check out:
www.outdooralliance.net



| Access Fund Welcomes

new staff



The Access Fund is pleased to announce three new hires filling integral staff posts.

Courtney Bartels, Membership Manager

Courtney joins the Access Fund staff by way of AF Corporate Partner Upper Limits climbing gym in Bloomington, IL. In her manager/marketing role there, repeatedly ran successful events generating memberships and support for the Access Fund. Now, this is going to be her fulltime job. can be reached at courtney@accessfund.org or 303-545-6772 x 106.

Jason Smith, Development Director

Jason comes to the Access Fund from Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, IL. He brings a wealth of fund-raising experience and is excited to combine his passion for climbing with his professional skills. Jason is the point of contact for major gifts and giving and can be reached at smith@accessfund.org or 303-545-6772 x 113.

Diana Vernazza, Access Director

Diana moves into her new role as Access Director on January 3. She is a longtime climber and practicing lawyer currently based in Los Angeles with experience in land use law. Diana will be the primary contact for access issues and can be reached at diana@accessfund.org or 303-545-6772 x 112.

Petzl Helps Raise \$32,000 for Access

In October, Petzl America and the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition (RRGCC) made history with an unprecedented effort to preserve climbing and recreational access in eastern Kentucky. By joining forces for this year's annual Rocktoberfest fundraiser and climbers' festival, Petzl and the RRGCC raised over \$32,000 to help cover the RRGCC's annual \$29,000 mortgage payment (due through 2013) to protect the Pendergrass-Murray Preserve. Without funds to cover the yearly mortgage, the preserve could fall into the hands of interested oil developers, which would shut down climbing on the land.

In 2004, climbers and advocates of the RRGCC purchased the Pendergrass-Murray Recreational Preserve, a 750-acre plot of undeveloped land with the help of an Access Fund grant.

"We owe the success of this event to the local community—the volunteers, the RRGCC Board, area businesses, and the 1,000-plus people who came out and put dollars down in support of the Pendergrass-Murray Preserve," says John Evans, Marketing Director for Petzl America. "I highly recommend other outdoor companies include this outstanding grassroots event in their outreach programs for 2008. I guarantee Petzl will be back to support this great cause."

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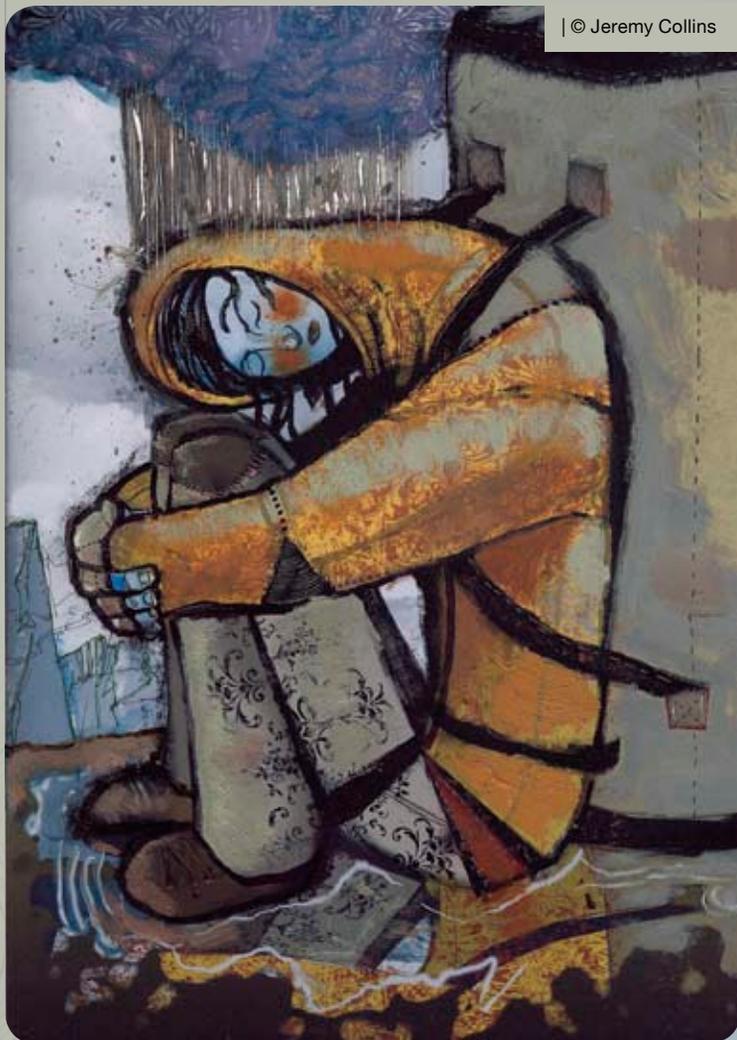
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The success of Petzl RocTrip/Rocktoberfest 2007 was supported by The Access Fund, Avery Brewing Company, Five Ten, Keen, the climber-friendly Miguel's Pizza, La Sportiva, Prana, Red Bull, Red River Gorge Cabin Rentals, Red River Outdoors, Rock and Ice magazine, Sterling Ropes, and The Warrior's Way/Desiderata Institute.



jeremy collins

Eastern Mountain Sports' *Upgrade Your Gear Sale* Raises \$15,000 for the Access Fund

Access Fund Corporate Partner Eastern Mountain Sports raised \$15,000 for the Access Fund during the retailer's Upgrade Your Gear Sale held October 18-21.

Eastern Mountain Sports split 1% of total sales revenue from the event equally between the Access Fund and the Conservation Alliance. All of Eastern Mountain Sports' 68 stores participated in the promotion, raising a total of \$30,000. This is the second contribution of this size that Eastern Mountain Sports has made to the Access Fund and the Conservation Alliance in 2007.

Eastern Mountain Sports has been an Access Fund partner since 1993 and has always been committed to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

Missouri native Jeremy Collins, was a literal fish out of water. He pined for the mountains, a yen that has fueled the bulk of his art. Jeremy has a unique, if vertically skewed, perspective that informs his offbeat cant on life, death, and everything in between. Dark and evocative, but created as a conduit for beauty, truth, and self-exploration, Collins' singular work is unmistakable. Beyond medium and motives, his iconic signature can also identify his work: a simple, symmetrical insignia that bears Collins' initials, often stealthily buried in the viscera of each painting or illustration.

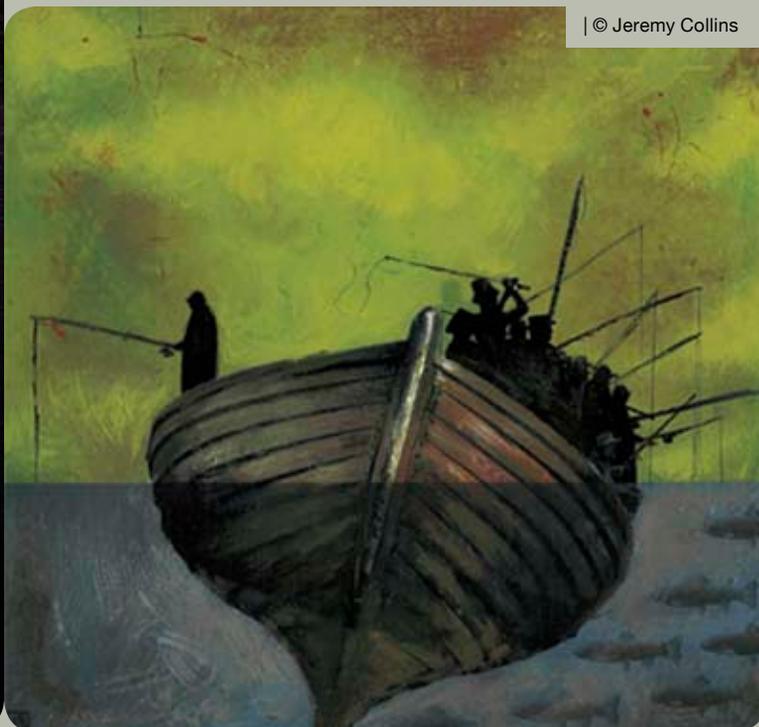
Collins has over 200 first ascents to his credit; from the Ozark hills of Arkansas, to the snowy flanks of Mt. Evans, to the dark depths of The Black Canyon. His first big wall was an ascent of the Nose in a Day on a whim, and recently on-sighted the Original Route (V 5.12b) on Rainbow Wall in Nevada. Ironically, Collins now lives in the flatlands of Kansas City with his wife, Tricia, where the bags stay permanently packed. He has been a long-time supporter and Media Partner to the Access Fund. In fact you may have seen his artwork on the front of the latest Access Fund T-shirt. We are proud to have Collins as an Access Fund partner and the featured artist in this month's *Vertical Times*.

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On his website, Collins offers signed, fine prints, originals, and canvas reproductions. These make a great gift to the climber who has everything. Get your orders in soon for Holiday delivery! **See his work at: www.jercollins.com.**

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local climbing organizations and affiliates

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