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# INTRODUCTION |

## THE AF PERSPECTIVE



I'd like to thank you for your support of our mission as I announce my departure from the Access Fund team at the end of June. It has been a great pleasure to serve the climbing community and give back to a sport and way of life that has meant so much to me since I began climbing in 1971. I will always be a part of the Access Fund as I continue to climb and support this great organization.

My next summit is on the sharp end of a new start up business. This kind of opportunity does not come along very often and as an entrepreneur, I relish the challenge ahead.

I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement, time and effort you have given to me personally and to the greater climbing community. We are all only as strong as our community!

And the Access Fund is stronger than it has ever been. In fact, we are thriving, which gives me peace of mind for the timing of my departure. I am leaving on a high note as we are financially healthy, our policy work is second to none, and our grassroots network continues to grow with the best staff the AF has ever had and excellent volunteers carrying the load.

Our mission work is far from done but continues to be successful in keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment. I encourage all of you to continue your strong support of the Access Fund and keep climbing!"

Best regards,

Dan Nordstrom, President of the Access Fund Board of Directors adds, "We are sorry to see Steve leave but we are excited for him in his new endeavor. The Access Fund has accomplished great things under his leadership—Steve and the staff that he's assembled has brought the Access Fund to a new level. Now, we're looking for the person who can keep that momentum and continue to grow the organization."

A search committee has been assembled and a job description is posted at [www.accessfund.org/staff/employ.php](http://www.accessfund.org/staff/employ.php). & on page 10.

Deanne Buck, current Access Fund Programs Director, has been named Interim Executive Director and will assume responsibilities July 1st. She can be reached at [deanne@accessfund.org](mailto:deanne@accessfund.org).

The Access Fund Staff and Board wish Steve the best and thank him for five great years of service and friendship.



Joe Kinder: Ghost Dance V6,  
The Millennium Boulder, CO  
| © Brian Solano

'Tis the season for management plans—there are a number of management plans around the country currently in the scoping comments phase and awaiting the draft comment period. The following pages discuss some of the plans that need the attention of climbers either now, or soon.

During these comment periods your voice is your vote.

Comment periods are climbers' chance to let land managers know our needs. It is an opportunity to work together with land managers to find mutual solutions and be proactive in the process. We hope you're not only a well-informed climber but also an outspoken advocate in your climbing future.

## Wilderness Plan for Red Rock, Nevada Released: Climber Comments Needed

The preliminary Wilderness Plan for Red Rock has been released. Among other things, it contains a significant and somewhat complex plan for allowing bolting within the Wilderness Areas in the park. The Wilderness Areas in the park are: The Canyons- Icebox, Pine Creek, Juniper, Oak Creek, First Creek, Black Velvet, and Mud Springs; as well as Gateway Canyon, better known as the north side of Kraft Mountain (this is where Atman and Sunny and Steep are).

During the time that the Wilderness Plan was being developed, the BLM was also conducting an inventory of current established routes in the park along with the total number of bolts in the park. This inventory is now being used as a basis for allowing future bolting within the Wilderness Areas in Red Rock.

The BLM is proposing a permit system for allowing new and replacement bolts within the Wilderness Area. All new bolts must be placed with a hand drill.

### Permits would work as follows:

**Replacement Permits-** can be obtained by anyone with a minimum of two weeks advance notice.

**Permit 1-** This is for a low bolting density permit. That is, a permit that is easily obtainable and does not require public evaluation before being issued. It limits bolts to being at least 100' above ground, less than 3 bolts per

pitch, and not within 20' of an existing climb. This permit requires a two week agency review to be issued.

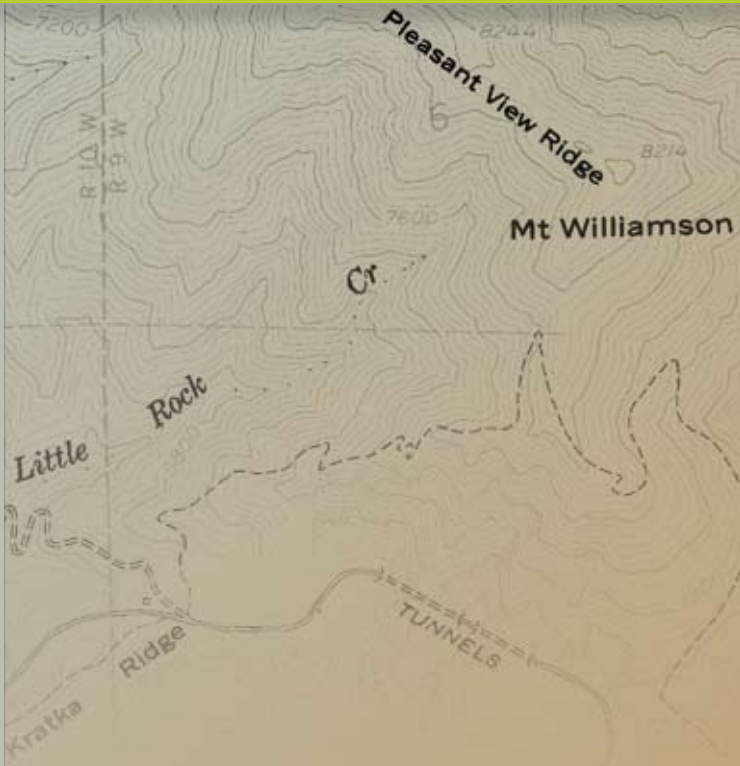
**Permit 2-** This is for a higher bolting density permit. This permit requires public evaluation. This allows new bolts on existing routes, bolts within 100' of the ground, or more than 3 bolts per pitch. This permit requires 30 days of review by both the BLM and the public- applications for this permit are accepted on the 10th of each month. With regards to Permit 2, there are a set list of considerations in order for the route to be eligible for bolts. They include: location of a route (new walls are better than current walls), length of route (longer is better), path of a route (a route that follows features is more desirable than one that doesn't), distance from other routes (further is better), and difficulty of a route. Most importantly, though, is that the BLM has noted in the plan that only 1,680 new bolts will be allowed in the Red Rock Wilderness Areas. This does not include replacement bolts, but only new installations. Further, that number has been broken down by canyon- Black Velvet only has 164 new bolts allowed, while First Creek has the most at 417.

It is important to remember that this wilderness plan will have ramifications at other major climbing areas. If you climb, please voice your opinion.

For the full text (pdf file) of the Wilderness Plan, check: [www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/nv/field\\_offices/las\\_vegas\\_field\\_office/la\\_madre\\_rainbow\\_proposed/la\\_madre\\_\\_\\_rainbow.Par.61653.File.dat/La Madre & Rainbow package.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/nv/field_offices/las_vegas_field_office/la_madre_rainbow_proposed/la_madre___rainbow.Par.61653.File.dat/La_Madre_&Rainbow_package.pdf) or go here: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov). The Access Fund and Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council will be crafting comments which will be available at: [www.accessfund.org/advo/comments.php](http://www.accessfund.org/advo/comments.php).



Johnny Goicoechea, No More Greener Grass V12, Mt. Evans, CO | © Brian Solano



## Forest Service Proposes Williamson Rock Trail to Reopen Climbing Opportunities in the Angeles National Forest at Williamson Rock, CA

The Angeles National Forest has requested public comments on a proposal to construct a trail from the Angeles Crest Highway to Williamson Rock, located in the upper reaches of Little Rock Creek within the Angeles National Forest. The proposal will analyze reopening the popular recreation site and rock climbing area to the public, while protecting the mountain yellow-legged frog (MYLF) and its critical habitat.

The information can be found at: [www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/news/2007/news-2007-05-10-comments-on-williamson-rock-access.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/news/2007/news-2007-05-10-comments-on-williamson-rock-access.shtml) and [www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/documents/final-williamson-rock-scoping-ltr.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/documents/final-williamson-rock-scoping-ltr.pdf)

### Background:

The Williamson Rock area is a well-known recreation site used predominately for rock climbing. It has been used by climbers since the 1960's and is widely regarded as a unique rock climbing resource for the entire Southern California region.

The Williamson Rock area has been temporarily closed since December 2005 to protect the frog, which is an endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Populations of the frog are known to exist within the closure area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated approximately 615 acres along Little Rock Creek within the closure area as critical habitat for the MYLF in October 2006.

For more information, please visit <http://williamsonrock.org> or email [troy@williamsonrock.org](mailto:troy@williamsonrock.org)



Brian Capps, Meat Rope V10, Carter Lake, Co CO | © Brian Solano

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## Pinnacles National Monument Seeks Public Input for New General Management Plan, CA

The National Park Service at Pinnacles National Monument south of San Francisco, CA has begun revising its general management plan (GMP) which will serve as a “blueprint” to guide the park over the next twenty years.

This new master planning document for Pinnacles, home to hundreds of rock climbs, will identify important park issues, visitor opportunities, and program objectives many of which could affect current climbing policies [www.pinnacles.org/climbing\\_info/index.html](http://www.pinnacles.org/climbing_info/index.html). For more information on the GMP process, see [www.nps.gov/pinn/parkmgmt/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pinn/parkmgmt/planning.htm)

A draft GMP is expected for public review in fall 2008 with a final GMP scheduled for completion in 2009.

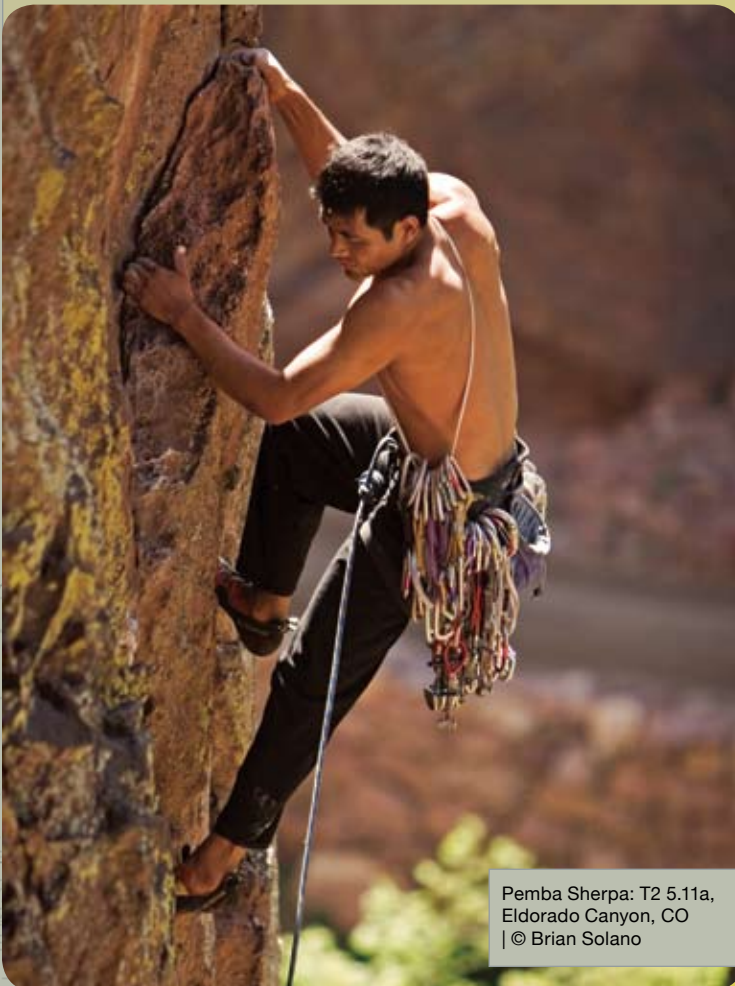
## Zion National Park Releases Draft Backcountry Management Plan

Zion National Park recently released its draft Backcountry Management Plan (BMP) for public review and comment. The plan identifies a variety of opportunities for visitors to experience the backcountry in Zion National Park, and could affect climbing management policies throughout the park. For more background on the potential for this BMP to shape climbing and other activities in the park, check out the Access Fund’s scoping comments here [www.accessfund.org/pdf/AFscopZion.pdf](http://www.accessfund.org/pdf/AFscopZion.pdf).

The National Park Service is now soliciting public comments on the proposed BMP and has scheduled open house sessions where park staff will provide information, answer questions, and take comments. For details on the draft plan and a schedule for open houses, see [www.nps.gov/zion/parkmgmt/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/zion/parkmgmt/index.htm).

Zion’s draft BMP will be available for public review and comment until June 29, 2007.

You may comment on the plan online at the National Park Service website Planning, Environment, and Public Comment <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> or alternatively mail your comments to: Zion National Park, Attn: Backcountry Management Plan EA, Springdale, UT 84767.



Pemba Sherpa: T2 5.11a, Eldorado Canyon, CO | © Brian Solano





## Access Fund Joins Broad Coalition Opposing Numerical Limits on Access in Yosemite National Park

*Climbing Advocates Sign Amicus Brief in U.S. Court of Appeals Supporting Efforts to Protect the Merced River and Visitor Access in Yosemite*

The Access Fund announced on May 10th that it has joined a group of seven leading conservation and recreational organizations to take legal action supporting a specific point in the Yosemite National Park’s Merced River Management Plan—adaptive carrying capacity management provisions.

The Merced River Plan, on hold since a District Court ruling in 2006 and currently in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, addresses use capacity in Yosemite Valley as a means to preserve and protect the Merced Wild & Scenic River. At issue is a District Court ruling that imposes numeric limits on visitors without the benefit of resource-based indicators.

The Access Fund maintains that this approach is impractical and unfair and that adaptive carrying capacity management provisions are a better management approach to protect the environment and visitor access.

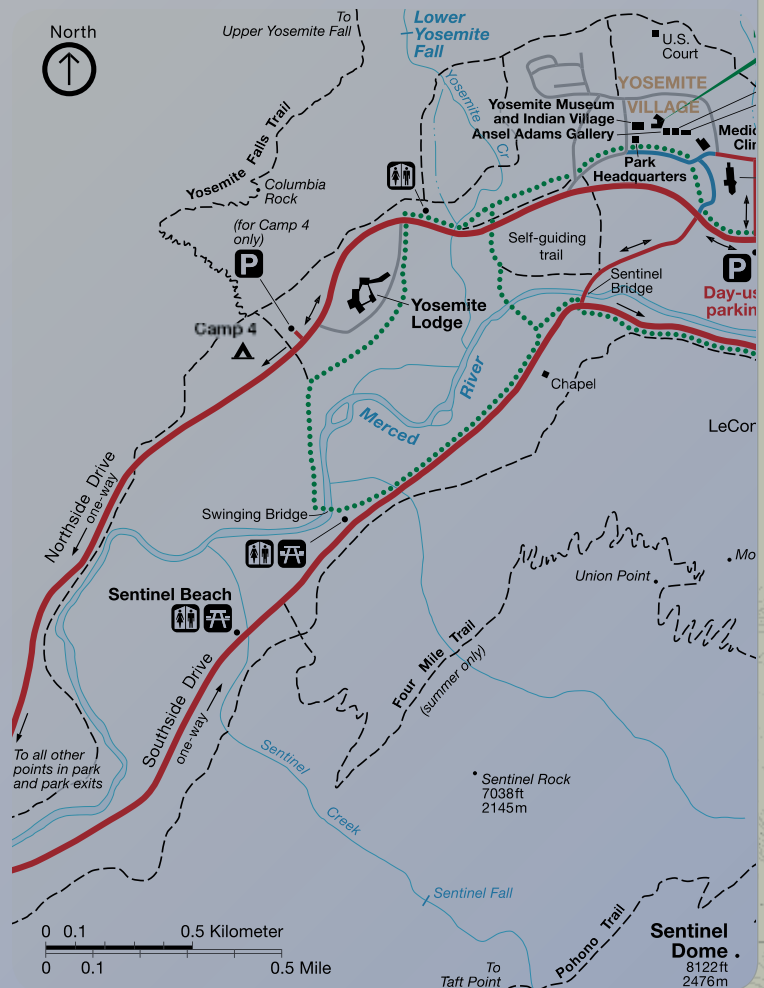
For climbers, the Merced River litigation could be precedent setting concerning the establishment of user and carrying capacity restrictions for Wild and Scenic River areas across the country. The 9th Circuit Court ruling could result in restricted climbing access in all Wild and Scenic River management areas including Yosemite Valley, Yosemite’s Tuolumne region, the New River Gorge in West Virginia, the Obed River in Tennessee and other designated and proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers in California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Kentucky, and elsewhere.

The Access Fund did not take its involvement in the appeal lightly. In the past the Access Fund has been at odds with Yosemite National Park on a variety of management plans but supports this portion of the Merced River Plan because the District Court’s ruling requires a non-adaptive process placing specific but unproven numerical limits on use regardless of need. A better approach is the Merced River Plan’s scientifically sound adaptive carrying capacity management provisions that are based on decades of progress by national experts and professional land managers that would adjust visitor access when needed to prevent environmental harm and correct unacceptable impacts

before they become irreversible. The Access Fund signed onto a “Friends of the Court” brief in the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, joining several other organizations including The Yosemite Fund, Friends of the River, the American Alpine Club, National Parks Conservation Association, California Trout and The Wilderness Society.

The Access Fund intends this issue to be resolved through constructive engagement and cooperation. The case will be heard in San Francisco this fall and the Access Fund’s involvement will allow the climbing community to be heard during the appeal process.

For more information, please contact Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith at 303.545.6772 ext.102; [jason@accessfund.org](mailto:jason@accessfund.org).





## Update - Farley Ledge, MA

By Rob Sullivan, Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition

The Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition (WMCC), an Access Fund Affiliate, closed on a nine-acre parcel of land abutting Farley Ledge. Ownership of this parcel provides permanent public access while saving a precious natural resource from certain development.

Farley Ledge represents a unique and unspoiled natural outdoor recreation area in Erving, Massachusetts. Farley is a primary rock-climbing destination in New England, and includes one of the most impressive sections of the nationally recognized Metacomet-Monadnock Trail. Farley is home to five-star trad climbing, sport climbing, ice climbing, bouldering and top roping. Only 1.5 hours from downtown Boston, the crag features superb rock quality—comparable to English grit in its best moments—and offers the only true multi-pitch experience in MA.

Farley—often billed as the best crag between the 'Gunks and Rumney—is virtually unknown. Its mythical status can be attributed largely to its unstable access. While the crag itself is owned by a utility that must encourage recreation, current parking is located at a small, privately owned eight-car lot, and trail access lies across a patchwork of additional private land parcels. Access is constantly threatened by the disparate voices of land abutters. The WMCC have worked closely to soothe these neighbors. Even so, the trailhead has been moved several times and the crag itself has been closed four times in the last twenty years.

This purchase ends all that uncertainty. Construction of a new trailhead and parking lot—the easiest part of this whole process—should be finished in time for the fall season. Perhaps most encouraging of all is the fact that this success story represents the efforts of a large, organized and motivated community on the local, regional and national level. Locals sniffed out, carried and closed the deal; the Appalachian Mountain Club offered substantial funds at a critical juncture; the Access Fund provided a significant grant as well as invaluable guidance and support (the land purchase is a direct result of AF's Acquisition Summit held last year).

*So we all deserve a pat on the back and tour come fall.*

## Pass It On!

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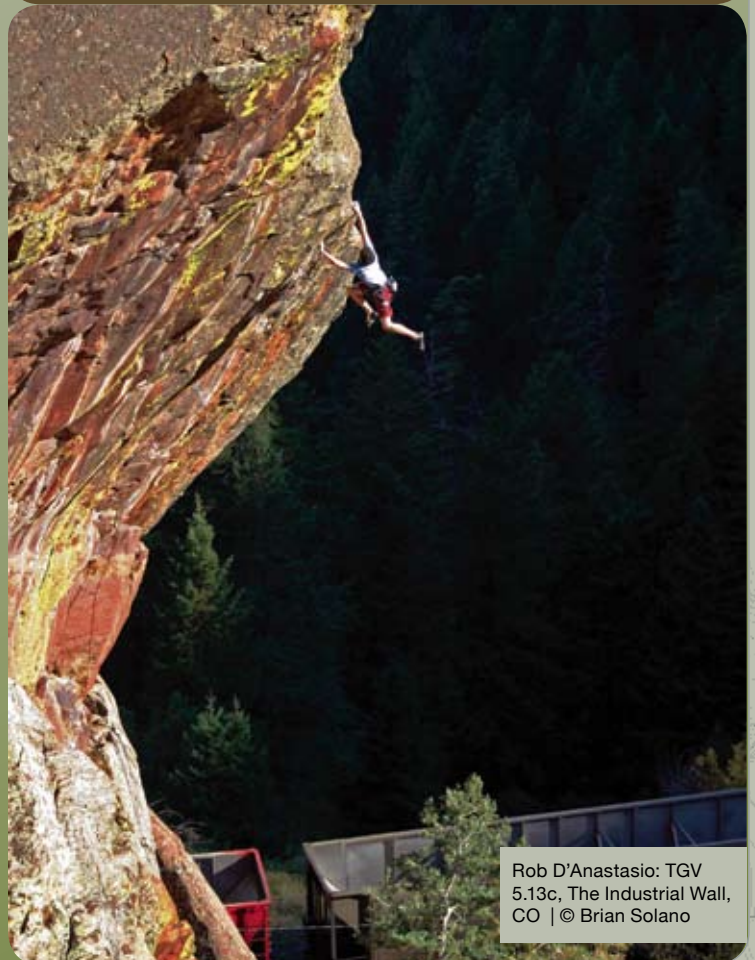
Does a bear S#!@t in the woods? Yes, but we should pack ours out. Access Fund members receive 25% off RESTOP bag systems for human waste and other products.

### Higher Ground Coffee Access Fund Blend

Ten Percent of proceeds fund preservation and maintenance of our climbing areas.

Did you know that **Access Fund members receive free shipping on web orders from Mountain Gear**? You must access the Mountain Gear site through the AF MemberSHOP after you login.

**Buy a CLIF Bar Cool Tag** Renewable wind energy credit keeps about 300 lbs of CO2 out of the air and helps the Rosebud Sioux Tribe build a wind farm in South Dakota.



Rob D'Anastasio: TGV 5.13c, The Industrial Wall, CO | © Brian Solano

## 8th Annual Adopt-a-Crag 2007

Adopt-a-Crag 2007 is off to a great start, with 39 events already registered and a dozen events completed. We'll be measuring our progress this year by picking our way up The Nose of El Cap, reaching for our summit goal of 130 events.

We're currently 30% of the way there, on pitch 10, above the Stovelegs Cracks and approaching the top of Dolt Tower.

Centered on community and stewardship, Adopt-a-Crag reaches beyond the sum of its parts. In addition to bringing local climbing communities together and conserving our climbing environments, Adopt-a-Crag also serves to teach stewardship-by-example to the younger generation, improve relations with land managers and owners, strengthen the reputation of the local and national climbing community, and increase our autonomy as a self-governing user group.

Seasoned veterans and first-time organizers alike have recognized a need for stewardship at their local crags and decided to bring the community together to celebrate those climbing areas through Adopt-a-Crag. First time Adopt-a-Crag organizer, Toni Waters, confessed at the conclusion of her successful May 2007 event in Grand Junction, CO, "I've definitely learned the power of community from all of this. It's so amazing to be a part of the change out there; I fall more in love with it the more work I do there."

Help us reach our goal of 130 events and register your Adopt-a-Crag event today. Trash clean up? Trail maintenance? Hardware replacement or climber signage? Invite the local community out to celebrate their crag!

To register an event or find one in your area visit: [www.accessfund.org/adopt](http://www.accessfund.org/adopt)

For more information contact Deanne Buck: 303-545-6772 x112, [deanne@accessfund.org](mailto:deanne@accessfund.org)

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

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Bruce Andreu: V4 Slab, Mt. Evans, CO | © Brian Solano





## Coming Soon to a Gym Near You. . .

Remember the first time you threw down a ten-spot to climb . . . indoors.

For some of us it was just a few weeks ago and for others, well, we won't talk about it. Whether you pull on plastic, you're a weekend warrior, you gave away all your belongings and your permanent address reads Yosemite National Park, or a combination of all the above, there's no denying that climbing gyms have played, and continue to play, a pivotal role in shaping our climbing communities.

They are urban retreats, social hubs, and classrooms for new and young climbers. Learning the "basics" of climbing, doesn't end when the belay certification is passed out. The toughest sequence to master is not the dyno to a one-handed mantle, but the techniques of awareness and respect - for land, for life, for one another, for ourselves.

Most Access Fund members are at least aware of the boulderProject. Perhaps you have seen an ad, caught a glimpse of a poster, or even visited the website, [www.boulderProject.org](http://www.boulderProject.org). At its most basic, the boulderProject is the Access Fund's newest initiative that schools new and young climbers about how climbers, the environment, and access are all connected. The boulderProject aims to promote this ethos through both direct and community-driven messaging at the gym, online, and from peers and mentors.

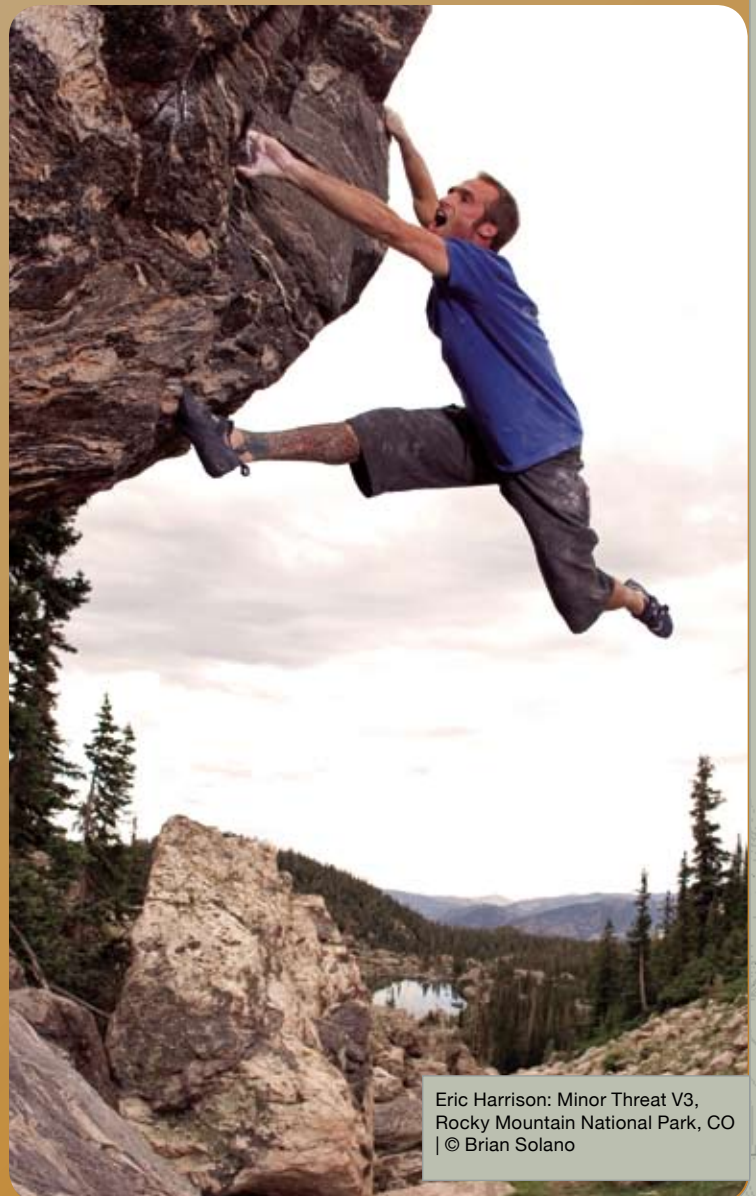
As THE gateway for many new and young climbers, the indoor rock gym is an instrumental resource in the positive promotion of climbers' attitudes and community. The Access Fund has always recognized the ability of climbing gyms to organize and educate climbers, and following on the heels of the very successful Climbing Wall Association (CWA) Climbing Wall Summit, the Access Fund is empowering gyms to spearhead stewardship and education initiatives that conserve the climbing environment at their local outdoor crags.

Whether you are the route-setter, staff, owner, manager, groupie, or punch-card puncher at your local gym, you can do your part to help spread the message. Organize an Adopt-a-Crag, get the boulderProject kickin' in your youth programs, host an AF membership drive at an event, donate the proceeds of a "lost and found" auction. As always, register your events online and we'll send you a box-o-love to help you help the Access Fund and the

over 60 Access Fund Affiliated Local Climbing Organizations across the country.

And if you just climb in the gym and don't actually work there, tell the people who work there why the Access Fund is important to you and why they should support the AF!

Register your events and Adopt-a-Crags here at [www.accessfund.org/events/reg.php](http://www.accessfund.org/events/reg.php). Check out the boulderProject at [www.boulderproject.org](http://www.boulderproject.org)



Eric Harrison: Minor Threat V3,  
Rocky Mountain National Park, CO  
| © Brian Solano

## Have The Right Stuff? The Access Fund Executive Director (ED) Candidate Profile 2007

The Access Fund seeks a highly motivated professional to lead the premier national climbing advocacy organization whose mission is to keep climbing areas open and conserve the climbing environment. For 17 years the Access Fund has been the leader in climbing-related public policy, stewardship, conservation, grassroots activism, climber education, and land acquisition. The Access Fund supports and represents over 1.6 million climbers nationwide in all forms of climbing including rock, ice, mountaineering, and bouldering.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Director is responsible for strategic leadership, vision and goal setting and works with the Board of Directors to define and implement its mission and values. The ED is the spokesperson and public face of the organization. The ED is responsible to the Board of Directors and must be able to communicate effectively within the organization as well as the climbing community, outdoor industry, land managers and the general public.

The ED must be familiar with land management, land acquisition/conservation tactics and public access issues and threats. Candidate must demonstrate the ability to deal with all aspects of non-profit management including capital campaign and endowment building, staff development and team-building, creative problem solving, sound financial management and goal setting. Must be dedicated to the Access Fund's mission and support and espouse Access Fund policy positions and statements. The Executive Director ensures the health of the organization's spirit, identity and structure.



### QUALIFICATIONS

- Exceptional leadership and management skills;
- Demonstrated track record in fundraising, especially major capital campaign and/or endowment building;
- Proven leader with the ability to think strategically and creatively;
- Climbing background or strong familiarity with the climbing community.
- Bachelors Degree and a minimum of 5 years executive business or non-profit management required.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Mature professional judgment and the ability to establish and maintain relationships with individuals, organizations and other external partners; and
- Able to take the initiative in a fast-paced organization;
- Able to identify, implement and evaluate organizational priorities.

Candidate should have a basic understanding of public and private land law, the federal government processes. The successful candidate will be a passionate individual who is comfortable speaking publicly on behalf of the organization, often to large crowds, and who initiates meeting and working with adversaries and friends toward win-win solutions. Tact, good judgment, professionalism, and a sense of humor when working with a diverse array of donors, members and colleagues will be highly favored. Travel is required around the United States to climbing areas and communities.

### SALARY/BENEFITS

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Salary requirements should be submitted as part of completed application materials. Benefits include medical insurance, travel reimbursement, training opportunities, vacation and holiday time, and an excellent work environment in Boulder, Colorado.

### TO APPLY

Applications will be reviewed as they are received until the position is filled. Candidates should submit: letter of interest stating salary requirements, resume, and contact information for three professional references to [edsearch@accessfund.org](mailto:edsearch@accessfund.org).

No calls or paper submissions.

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## Buy Hans Florine's House

Okay, not really, but you can buy the lot he owns next door. If Hans sells it through a referral from the AF, he will donate a chunk of the sale to the Access Fund!

Hans Florine's lot for sale is located in Yosemite National Park (of course...). If you are interested follow this link: <http://hansbasecamp.com/lot.html>

Mention to Hans that you found out about it from the Access Fund so we get our \$\$\$.

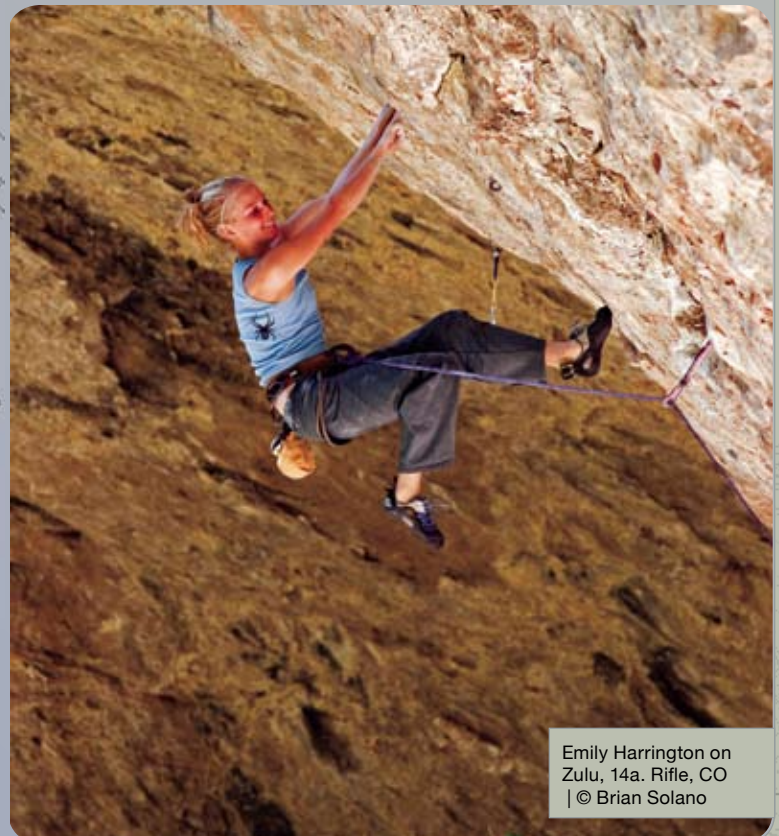
Thanks Hans!



Brian Solano is a freelance photographer and film producer currently living in Boulder, Colorado. While completing his degree in Film Studies and Business Administration at the University of Colorado, Brian still manages to devote a good amount of time to his artistic passions, capturing the personalities and destinations that make our sport so special. In May of 2007, Brian graduated from CU and plans to pursue outdoor photography and filmmaking full time.

To date, Brian has produced three feature films. His latest film, Karma, was a story of a bouldering adventure to the Khumbu region of Nepal. While shooting the film, they teamed up with a group of child porters to show how climbing impacts the lives of people from two completely different backgrounds. In the summer of 2007, Brian is planning to shoot a completely new concept bouldering film. The bells and whistles are currently being ironed out with the athletes.

Keep your eye out for new work from Brian Solano and his film company, BS Productions. Brian is consistently raising the bar to challenge himself, staying on the cutting edge of the industry. His work aside, Brian is also an active Access Fund member and is continually incorporating the AF message into his work. Check him out at [www.BrianSolano.com](http://www.BrianSolano.com)



Emily Harrington on Zulu, 14a. Rifle, CO  
| © Brian Solano



The new Access Fund tee shirts are in and we'd like to thank Jeremy Collins for designing the new artwork. A little back ground on the climber-artist and longtime Access Fund supporter:

Collins' work is born of time spent in exposed and precarious perches. From the three thousand foot face of El Capitan, to The Diamond, at 14,000 feet on Longs Peak, to spindly, taller-than-they-are-wide desert towers, he finds himself magnetized to vertical ground.

His mixed media paintings are seen consistently in publication: The Wall Street Journal, Rock & Ice, Alpinist, and Trail Runner.

Jeremy lives in Kansas City, Mo. with his wife, Tricia and their son, Zion.



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### **DIAMOND PLUS — \$20,000+**

Black Diamond Equipment — 1991  
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Climbing — 1991  
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Urban Climber Magazine — 2004

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Eastern Mountain Sports — 1993  
Mountain Gear — 1995  
Petzl/Charlet Moser — 1991  
prAna — 1995

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Patagonia — 1992  
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Amadeus Consulting Group — 2004  
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Metolius — 1991  
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Mountain Hardwear — 1996  
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bluetrope consulting — 2003  
CAMP USA — 2004  
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Montrail — 2002  
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MSR/Therm-a-Rest/Platypus — 1995  
Osprey — 2003  
Outdoor Retailer — 1991  
Phoenix Rock Gym — 1997  
Planet Granite Climbing Gyms — 2004  
Redpoint, Inc. — 2000  
RESTOP — 2006  
ROCK'n & JAM'n — 2007  
Royal Robbins — 1992  
Sherrill Tree & Climbing Supply — 2005  
SuperTopo.com — 2003  
Treasure Mountain Inn — 2006  
Vertical World — 2006  
Weathered Stone — 1999  
Yates Gear — 1993  
YourClimbing.com — 2006

### **CONTRIBUTING — \$500+**

Advanced Base Camp — 1992  
Adventure 16 — 2006  
Alpine Ascents International — 1998  
Avery Brewing Company — 1998  
Chope Designs, LLC — 2006  
Climbing Rope Bracelets — 2005  
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Eastern Sierras Medicus  
Anodynos Corp — 2006  
Excalibur DMM/Wild Country  
Extreme Engineering — 2004  
Five Ten — 2004  
Fortress Worldwide — 2006  
Fox Mountain Guides &  
Climbing School — 2005  
GearEXPRESS.com — 2003  
Higher Ground Roasters — 2003  
Julbo — 2005  
JustRopes.com — 2004  
Kristin Carpenter  
Public Relations — 2003  
Mountain Tools — 1991  
Mountaineers Books — 1992  
NEice.com — 2005  
Nicos — 1997  
Pacific Edge Climbing Gym — 1995  
PMI — 1991  
Real Cheap Sports — 2003  
Rock and Snow, Inc. — 2003  
Schwartz Communications, Inc. — 2003  
Sickle Climbing — 2001  
Stone Age Climbing — 1997  
Stone Moves — 2005  
Tom K. Michael, D.D.S., P.S. — 2000  
Travel Country Outdoors — 2002  
Untraditional Marketing — 2007  
Vasque — 2001

### **MEDIA PARTNERS**

Alpinist — 2003  
Andrew Burr Photography — 2006  
Andrew Kornylak Photography — 2006  
Andrew Querner Photography — 2006

ASANA PackWorks — 2005  
Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine — 1997  
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Camp4.com — 2002  
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Second Chance Films — 2004  
Sender Films — 2005  
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She Sends — 2004  
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summitjournal.com — 2006  
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Eastern Mountain Sports raised more than \$16,000 for the Access Fund during the retailer's Upgrade Your Gear sale held April 20-22.

One percent of sale's revenue was split equally between the Access Fund and the Conservation Alliance. Each of the 67 Eastern Mountain Sports stores participated in the promotion, raising a total of \$32,387.

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.

On behalf of climbers across the country, the Access Fund would like to thank Eastern Mountain Sports for their significant contribution and for engaging their customers in the importance of taking care of the places they play.

# 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.

**REFER SIX FRIENDS** and receive a Nalgene Flask, a dri-release wool T-shirt from Outdoor Research, and a North Face merino wool beanie cap.



**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](http://www.accessfund.org/AFfriend), or give them this card.



\*substitutions of equal or greater value may apply. See [www.accessfund.org/join/rules.php](http://www.accessfund.org/join/rules.php) for official rules.

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Let us know – email us at [addresschange@accessfund.org](mailto:addresschange@accessfund.org)

Log on to our membership at [www.accessfund.org/membership](http://www.accessfund.org/membership) have your ID# handy and get special member only discounts!



GET 30% OFF



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GET 15% OFF



GET 15% OFF

**YES! I WANT TO JOIN THE ACCESS FUND**



Referred by / name and email address \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$50\*     \$500 \*\*  
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\*At \$50 or more, we'd like to send you an Access Fund T-Shirt. Please circle your T-Shirt style/size: Men's T    Women's T    S    M    L    XL no, thanks.  
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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto: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\*

### California

Allied Climbers of San Diego\*  
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\*  
Yosemite Climbing 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\*  
Moab Area Climbers' Alliance  
Salt Lake Climbers Alliance\*

### Virginia

Friends of Great Falls Coalition\*  
Shenandoah National Park Climbers Alliance\*

### 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](http://www.accessfund.org/partners/affiliates.php)

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