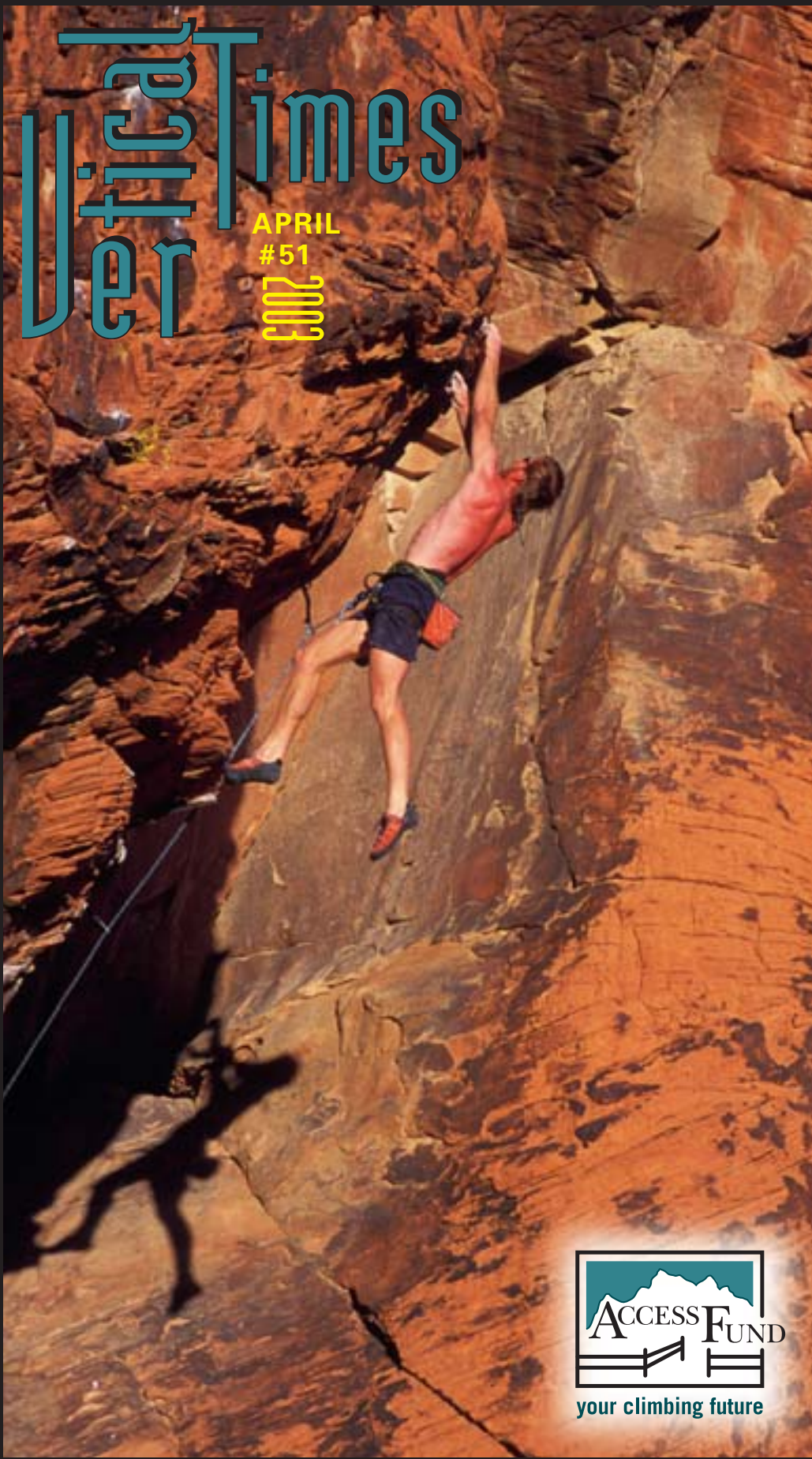


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Cover: *Unknown climber experiences "Fear and Loathing" at Red Rocks, one of the nation's most endangered climbing areas. The AF is advocating at Red Rocks to oppose a potential housing development.*

Photo courtesy of Mark Kroese.

Letter from Steve Matous

Recently I met with the Executive Directors from American Whitewater, the International Mountain Bike Association, and American Hiking to discuss the issues and concerns facing each of our organizations. Though we focus on different sports, each of us represented some form of human powered recreation, and it was interesting to note similarities in our perspectives on access, fees, overcrowding, stewardship, environmental issues, and the needs of our communities in pursuit of our respective missions. The Access Fund represents the nearly one million active rock, ice, and mountain climbers in the USA, but human powered recreation involves closer to 90 million people. Together, we have shared vision of open access and freedom to pursue our respective activities. We have joint responsibility for our shared public lands and waterways, and need to provide stewardship of those resources.

We do this for you — climbers who support our grassroots work, our relationships with decision makers, and our mission. We want you to be involved, to take responsibility for your precious resources, to volunteer, and to go climbing!



**2003 TOP 10
ENDANGERED
CLIMBING AREAS**

The Access Fund is working to preserve or restore access to each of these important climbing areas. Such efforts require time and expense. We need your support and activism to succeed.

Criteria for "Endangered" Areas:

- Area has regional or national significance.
- Area where increased climber awareness, education, stewardship, and involvement can make a positive difference in preserving access.
- Area where increased dialogue and cooperation with land manager can make a positive difference in preserving access.
- Area faces unreasonable restrictions or closures due to:
 - Land use planning and policy changes
 - Presence of cultural resources and endangered species
 - Overuse and impacts to natural resources
 - Development pressure

Endangered" Areas

1. Cave Rock, NV. POSSIBLE CLOSURE. Working to prevent discriminatory closure of Lake Tahoe's premier sport climbing crag.

2. Hueco Tanks State Historic Site, TX. RESTRICTIONS. Improving access through conservation grants and direct advocacy.

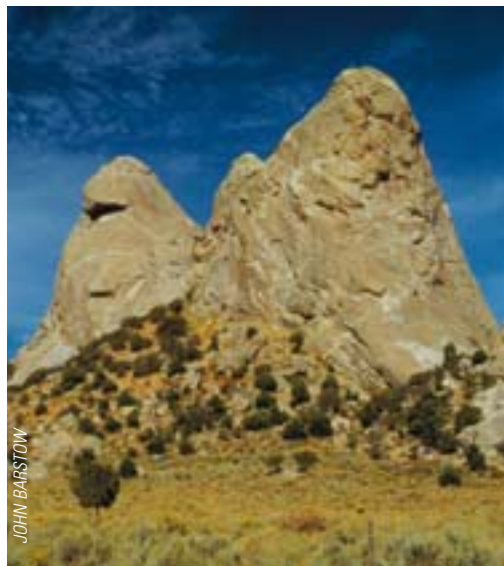
3. Little Cottonwood Canyon, UT. POSSIBLE CLOSURES. Supporting Salt Lake Climbers' Alliance in negotiations with the LDS church to ensure continued access to Gate Buttress and other church owned land.

4. Little River Canyon, AL. POSSIBLE CLOSURE. Supporting Southeastern Climbers' Coalition efforts to address

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Hueco Tanks State Historic Site, Texas



Twin Sisters, Idaho



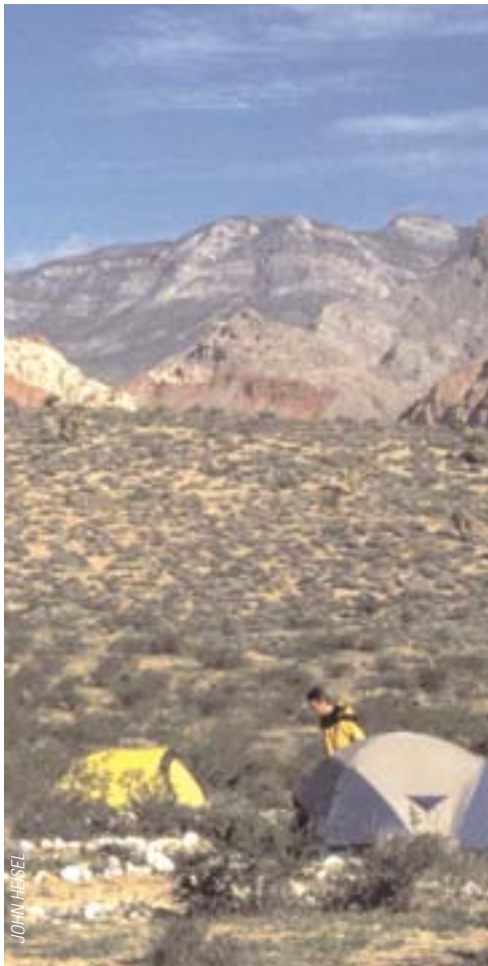
Flatirons, Colorado

5. The Flatirons, CO. POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS / CLOSURES. Working closely with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department to identify a reasonable fixed anchor policy and bouldering access.

6. Skytop Cliff, the Gunks, NY. CLOSED. Efforts to open this area have not been successful due to insurance constraints and liability concerns of the landowner.

7. Red River Gorge, KY. POSSIBLE CLOSURES. Working closely with the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition to address cultural and natural resource impact issues.

8. Red Rocks, NV. POSSIBLE FIXED ANCHOR BAN •continued on page 9



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Area reports

SOUTHEAST



North Carolina

Climbers Honor Veteran Friend and Advocate

The Carolina Climbers' Coalition (CCC) is teaming up with the Boone Climbers' Coalition, the Pisgah

Climbers' Association, and the Access Fund to honor Tommy Wagoner, a 30 year veteran of the North Carolina Park Service. During his career as Superintendent of Hanging Rock State Park, Mr. Wagoner developed positive relationships between climbers and park officials, developed the first Climbing Management Plan in the Carolinas, and continually advocated on behalf of climbers. Mr. Wagoner listened to climbers' suggestions and concerns, led trail building and conservation activities, and hosted, with the CCC, an Adopt-a-Crag Day event in the park.

Always a friend to climbers, "Mr. Wagoner is a model for all park superintendents," said Mr. Michael Pinkston, CCC president, "It has been a great pleasure to work with Tommy."



Access Fund Treasurer Leslie Brown breaks from business to sample some Texas syenite. The AF held its winter Board Meeting at Hueco Tanks in February. During the weekend, staff and board members met with local climbers and Park Ranger John Moses concerning climbing at Hueco Tanks. A complete report will follow in Vertical Times #52.

If in doubt as to whether you can park or climb in a certain area, go to a different area where you are sure.

MIDWEST

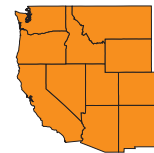


Mount Rushmore, SD — "Code Orange" alert affects access to climbing

(Report submitted by Duane Martenson, AF Regional Coordinator)

Climbers should park at the Wrinkled Rock and Chopping Block areas, and not along the road or the South Seas area. The main mass of Rushmore is off limits, including the Emancipation Rockphormation. Routes that are off limits include *Garfield Goes to Washington*, *Read my Clips*, *PB & J*, *The Engagement*, *Five Card Draw*, and others. Marker area and west is open.

WEST



Access Fund Receives Award from City of Boulder Open Space

In December, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks awarded the AF a certificate for outstanding work in the Open Space and Mountain Parks Stewardship Program during 2002. The AF received the award for our involvement during the past few years with climbing management and conservation projects in the Flatirons, including the Pebble Rock Restoration project in November, 2002.

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Gross Reservoir, CO -- Popular Front Range Bouldering Area Closed

Denver Water (DW) officially closed Gross Reservoir (a.k.a., Damnation) in the last week of January. The bouldering area was located on Boulder County Open Space property, which was being leased from the BLM. DW, Colorado's largest water utility company recently acquired the property. According to DW officials, the property was acquired to consolidate management of the utility company's holdings in the vicinity of the dam. The officials also cited "heightened security concerns" near the dam as a reason for the acquisition. The Access Fund has not been able to reach an agreement with the utility company to allow bouldering.

Climbers should refrain from using this area, as Denver Water plans to aggressively ticket trespassers.

South Platte, CO — Forest Service Extends Closure in Hayman Burn Area

The Forest Service has extended the closure of the Hayman Fire Burn area for an "indefinite" period, although it is expected that some areas will re-open by mid-March. Because the closure affects access to many popular climbing locations in the South Platte, the Access Fund and Regional Coordinator Jeff Achey have urged the Forest Service to re-open areas that were the least affected by the burn, such as Turkey Rocks. Further information about the closure can be obtained by contacting the Pike National Forest Supervisors office at 719-553-1400.

Bear Lake Road Reconstruction Project, RMNP, Colorado

(Report submitted by Greg Sievers)

From May 1 to October 31, 2003 and May 1 to October 31, 2004 the road from Sprague Lake to Bear Lake will be accessible by shuttle bus only. Visitors may drive to Sprague Lake, however, there is no shuttle bus stop at Sprague Lake. Starting on May 1, the shuttle bus from the Park-and-Ride to Bear Lake will run from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every 30 minutes, daily. The bus that makes

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the roundtrip between the Park-and-Ride and the Fern Lake bus stop will run from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every 20 minutes daily.

There are options for alpine-start climbers who feel that 5:00 a.m. is not early enough. There is a trail that leads from Sprague Lake to Glacier Gorge Junction. It is approximately 3 miles. Climbers could park at the Sprague Lake Parking Area and hike in. The other option would be to get a backcountry permit or bivy permit and camp the night before the climb. The backcountry office can provide more information (970-586-1242) about how to obtain these permits.

Lost Rocks Bouldering, CA — How can we keep it alive?

(Report submitted by Bennett Barthelemy)

A HIGH PROFILE AREA: Lost Rocks, once a little-known bouldering destination, has suddenly become mainstream. The boulders have appeared in the Metolius gear catalog, on a Metolius t-shirt, in a Vbouldering spread, in Rampage, on the cover of Humboldt State University's Newspaper, and in Wild Humboldt Quarterly. Sadly, the popularity of this beautiful, world-class bouldering area is threatening its



PHOTOS BY BENNETT BARTHELEMY

Lost Rocks, California is located on sacred land of the Yurok tribe and could potentially be closed to climbing.

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access. Lost Rocks borders state and federal lands, but lies entirely on Yurok Tribal land. With its recent fame, Lost Rocks is host to as many as 30 boulderers a day.

WHY IS IT THREATENED? The Yurok ceremonial dance grounds are at the north end of the beach, at the mouth of the Wild and Scenic Klamath River, and near a stunning pinnacle known as Oragos, the guardian of the Salmon. Climbers have been asked not to boulder on Oragos. Split Rocks, 3 miles south, is also considered sacred and has thus far been avoided by the majority of climbers in Northern California. It is possible, though, that visiting and new climbers may be unaware of the situation. To help alleviate this concern, there is a locally available guide, which explains that Lost Rocks is on Yurok land, that boulderers must tread extremely lightly, and that certain formations are off limits to climbing. The Yuroks have been extremely accommodating. They allow their children to boulder with local climbers, they permit park along the road, and have granted camping space those who have asked. The tribe has been generous in allowing wide-open access to the bouldering area, but is surely aware of the increas-

ing impacts of chalk, people, noise, cars, and trash.

WHAT CAN WE DO? Presently, the climbing community has not yet approached the Yurok Tribe regarding access and the appropriateness of bouldering in certain areas. The past model has been to keep the area secret, which, because of Lost Rocks' growing popularity, is not a long-term solution. Climbers must be pro-active and approach the Yurok before access issues arise. Climbers should also work with the state and federal land managers responsible for the bordering land. An Adopt-A-Crag-Day co-sponsored by the Access Fund, local businesses, the Yurok Tribe, and climbing gear manufacturers, will be positive step towards educational outreach, both to the community and to those outside the area.

WHEN? July is prime bouldering season at Lost Rocks, and would be an effective time to bring the Yurok Tribe, the land agencies, and the climbing community together. Ideally, discussions regarding a climbing management plan and signage in sensitive areas will begin immediately.



Volunteers work at the McConnells Mill Restoration Project in Pennsylvania. The Access Fund supplied \$7500 in materials for the event, organized by AF Regional Coordinator Bob Value.

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Hollywood Hans Speeds to Sports Basement Benefit

On April 9th, the Access Fund will team up with Sports Basement and CLIF Bar to host a members-only evening. Access Fund members and one guest are invited to share food and beer, receive a 10% discount on all purchases, and watch an entertaining slide show by the worlds fastest climber, Hans Florine. A portion of the proceeds from the evening's sales will benefit the Access Fund.

The private party begins at 6:30pm on April 9th at Sports Basement, 1301 6th St. San Francisco, CA 94107. Log onto www.sportsbasement.com for directions. Free parking is available.

For more information about this exciting event please contact Heather Clark 303-545-6772 x.100 or Sophia Steinaecker 415-437-0100 x.41. Please RSVP to sophia@sportsbasement.com.

Flatirons Climbing Council Seeks Volunteers

The Flatirons Climbing Council (FCC) and City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks have entered into an agreement that permits a pilot project for the placement of new fixed anchors on certain cliffs at Dinosaur Mountain. The new routes should be approved by the fall.

The FCC is forming a Fixed Hardware Review Committee, similar to that of the Action Committee for Eldorado. The FCC intends to fill four positions. Interested parties should call Dave Turner at 303-860-9844.

Correctional Institution:

• Vertical Times #50 erroneously thanked Steve Messina as the owner of the Boston Rock Gym. Steve actually owns the Prime Climb Rock Gym in Wallingford, CT which sponsored a Kickin Access event that raised \$1300 and brought in 28 members for the AF.

• Black Diamond was incompletely listed on the Corporate Partners page in *Vertical Times* #50. Their correct title is Black Diamond Equipment/Bibler-Scarpa.

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AND ENCROACHMENT OF PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. Working in Washington D.C. to develop a reasonable BLM fixed anchor policy; advocating at the county level to oppose private housing development.

9. Twin Sisters, City of Rocks National Reserve, ID. CLOSED.

Working to restore access through legal, political, and administrative channels.

10. Volcanic Tableland, CA. POSSIBLE CLOSURES / RESTRICTIONS. Working closely with the BLM to address camping, trails, and archeological site protection at this popular bouldering area.

Access Fund to Host "Climbers for Political Action"

On May 15, the Access Fund will host the first ever Climbers for Political Action (CPA) media event at Great Falls Park, outside Washington, DC. This groundbreaking occasion is intended to improve relations between climbers and government, and galvanize climber activism in support of legislation and regulatory initiatives that benefit climbing in the United States.

The event will attempt to educate members of Congress, Congressional staff, officials from federal resource management agencies, and leading environmental organizations about recreation issues and values, as well as efforts by the climbing community to support important conservation causes.

CPA will strive accomplish these goals: (1) Provide a forum for legislators and agency officials to speak on public lands policies; (2) Help the Access Fund expand its network of contacts and relations in Washington; and (3) Raise awareness about climbing and climber-supported legislation. For more information, contact Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith at jason@accessfund.org.

Meet the Access Fund

Steve Matous - Executive Director
Provides leadership and manages the operations of the Access Fund. Specific focus includes: working with the board to fulfill our mission; budgeting, auditing and all financial matters; personnel policies and employment; marketing and external communications; development; and working with all of our supporters. (With the AF since 2002).

Heather Clark - Development Director
Runs the Access Fund's Development department. She writes grants, and manages our corporate program, organizes our involvement with trade shows, manages our stock and planned giving program and major gifts solicitation. (1998)

Shawn Tierney - Access and Acquisitions Director
Works on land acquisitions, responds to climbing area closures and access issues, handles insurance and liability issues, coordinates the grants program, helps with grassroots organizing and the formation of local climber organizations, and is the contact for our Action Network of Regional Coordinators. (2000)

Jason Keith - Policy Director
Works on climbing policy/regulations, legislative/



Clockwise from upper left: Kerry, Cindy, Shawn, Kate, Steve, Heather, Jason, John.

regulatory analysis issues, climbing management policy, raptor/climbing issues, and fixed anchor replacement. He is the contact for land managers and environmental groups. (2001)

John Heisel - Publications Director
Coordinates the *Vertical Times*, AF E-News, member publications, advertising, website, logo requests, and print production. (2000)

Kerry Cowan - Membership Director
Handles membership issues, the renewal program, direct mail / member education campaigns, member benefits, and memorials. (1998)

Kate Cavicchio - Event Coordinator
Organizes Access Fund events, coordinates Adopt-a-Crag Day, and manages the Community Partners Program. (2001)

Cindy Trotter - Office Manager
Handles membership inquiries, address changes, retail merchandise orders, mailing issues and accounts payable/receivable. (2002)

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Letters

Roadless Rule?

Could you give me information about the Access Fund's policy on the Roadless Area Conservation Rule?

*Benjamin Schreiber
Via Email*

Jason Keith, Policy Director, Responds

The Access Fund does not have a formal position on the Roadless Rule per se. However, we have consistently advocated for preserving the diversity of climbing experiences including that found in Wilderness, de facto or designated. In the past, we have supported the establishment of federally designated Wilderness to preserve this unique type of climbing experience, especially where Wilderness regulation does not unreasonably interfere with human-powered, low-impact recreational opportunities such as climbing.

Our website says: "Support for Wilderness preservation and wildlife habitat is crucial to the future of American climbing. The Access Fund collaborates with some of the country's foremost environmental organizations, including the National Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy, and National Parks and Conservation Association, on issues such as the use of fixed anchors in Wilderness areas, the preservation of lands threatened by development, the role of local stewardship in protecting public lands, and the protection of nesting peregrine falcons and other cliff-dwelling wildlife."

Thus, in addition to protecting the unique experiences that can only be found in Wilderness, we can also work with environmental groups when they are fighting for Wilderness designation, and in return get their support for our positions where appropriate, such as supporting the Access Fund in our work to establish a reasonable policy for managing fixed anchors in designated Wilderness. By implementing the Roadless Rule, the US Forest Service has essentially established de facto Wilderness, and thus for the same reasons we support designated Wilderness

we should, and do, support the Roadless Rule.

Open Letter to Climbing Community

We all climb for personal reasons, but have one thing in common: we enjoy the places where we climb.

I am an ardent supporter of the efforts of the Access Fund and its members to minimize impact. Increasingly, I am surprised by what I see as disregard for conservation among a small segment of climbers. Chalk marks left like graffiti, braided trails, and glaciers used as latrines. Perhaps some are inevitable, but others are careless expressions of a "me first" attitude.

I hope that most climbers will ultimately prioritize the conservation of resources over the siren call of the personal challenges of climbing. The climbing community is large enough now to have a real detrimental impact on locations — and to play an important role in their management. This is a leadership challenge we should embrace.

Adopt-a-Crag Day is a wonderful event. Encouraging responsible behavior is a full time job. I think some climbers need some parenting when it comes to "care and feeding of the climbing area."

Demonstrating superior stewardship and consideration of all user groups will increase climbers' ability to secure a place at the policy table, and promote a good idea. Here are the values I was taught by my mentors, and that I try to follow:

1. Make every effort to avoid irreparably changing the character of the significant aspects of climbing locations.
2. Eliminate removable traces - trash, chalk marks, etc. whenever you can.
3. Consult with land managers and other groups on issues that affect impact. Place climbing interests on the same level as other user groups - neither above nor below. Recognize that climbing skill and experience do not translate to a greater right of enjoyment of shared resources.
4. Think about what you'd like the crag to look like in 25 years.

These suggestions could cause positive changes in the climbing community.

*Dan Sutton
Medford, Mass.*

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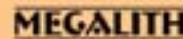


The results of the Second Annual Kickin Access Tour are in, and boy what a success it was! Overall, in 43 shows the tour raised \$38,000, 1019 new members were signed up, and over 3200 people came out to party join the party. A big thanks to each and every one of you who came out to each event. A special thanks to the real heroes: the **dedicated shops and gyms** who supported each event with their time and money. We'd also like to thank all the **tour sponsors** who gave above and beyond their regular support of the Access Fund, and donated all the killer raffle prizes.



Thanks to all the following gyms, shops, clubs, and people supported the event!

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Event Beta

- 3/8 Hoover, AL - Chalky Dreams Bouldering Competition at Moss Rock Preserve - Lee Means (205) 566-7284
- 3/8 El Paso, TX - 10th Annual Rock Rodeo - Rock Ranch (915) 855-0142
- 3/28 Mammoth Lakes, CA - Alabama Hills Climbing Festival - Range of Light Productions (760) 935-4488
- 3/29 Carlisle, PA - Governor Stable Bouldering Competition - Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers (717) 241-9634
- 4/3 Greeley, CO - Climbing Competition - University of Northern Colorado (970) 371-1162
- 4/5 Lincoln, NE - 6th Annual Flatland Climbing Competition - NU Climbing Club (402) 436-8955
- 4/9 San Francisco, CA - Access Fund Member Appreciation Party - Sports Basement (415) 437-0100
- 4/10 Bloomington, IL - Bouldering Competition - Upper Limits (309) 829-8255
- 4/25 Tempe, AZ - 20th Annual Phoenix Bouldering Contest - (480) 540-3486
- 4/26 Towson, MD - Spring Cling - Towson University (410) 704-5361
- 5/24 Bar Harbor, ME - 2nd Annual Acadia Climbing Festival - Atlantic Climbing School (207) 288-2521

Thanks

The Access Fund is fortunate for our Community Partners and friends who host fundraising events on our behalf. Special thanks to these generous businesses, organizations, and people who wrapped up 2002 with a bang:

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The Access Fund Introduces Athlete Ambassadors and RockStars

The Access Fund proudly announces the Athlete Ambassador Team, a core of professional climbers who will publicly represent the AF and reinforce our mission of keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

Team members include: Conrad Anker, Elaina Arenz-Smith, Tommy Caldwell, Malcolm Daly, Jim Donini, Hans Florine, Charlotte Fox, Lynn Hill, Beth Rodden, Randy Leavitt, Mike Libeck, Scott Milton, Jared Ogden, Timmy O'Neil, Lisa Rands, Kurt Smith, Jack Tackle, Pete Takeda, Robbie Williams, and Jonny Woodward.

In addition to the Athlete Ambassadors, the Access Fund also announces the debut of the RockStars, a team of young climbers who have made a commitment to the organization. The RockStars are Megan Emmons, Emily Harrington, and Adam Stack.

Climbers on both teams will promote the Access Fund each time they are on the rocks, at the boulders, and in the mountains. They will educate the public about the Access Fund's effective work at their slide shows, competitions, and book and poster signings.

According to Heather Clark, Access Fund Development Director, "These athletes are leaders in the climbing world and provide a crucial link between the Access Fund and the greater climbing community. We are delighted to have them on board!"



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