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The Access Fund is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping climbing areas open & conserving the climbing environment. Since its incorporation in 1990, the Access Fund has provided more than \$1 million for climbing conservation and education across the US. We've paid for land purchases, climbers' campgrounds, educational brochures, toilets, signs, and scientific research on climbers' impact on birds of prey and cliff-dwelling plants. For more information, please contact us:

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Cover: World class bouldering on the east side of the Sierra—the Access Fund gave \$9,750 to the Bishop office of the BLM for climbing management as part of our 2001/2002 Bouldering Campaign. For a summary of the campaign accomplishments, see page 7.

Photo courtesy of Corey Rich

Throwing Down the Gauntlet: Encouraging Activism to Ensure Access

by Kate Cavicchio, Event Coordinator

It is a sunny Saturday afternoon, late September. The parking lot in Eldorado Canyon is full—overflowing, actually. Parties are queued up for the trade routes—the Bastille Crack, the Yellow Spur, the Naked Edge. Even Eldorado's more obscure lines are occupied.

"Who are all these people," you grumble to yourself, temporarily forgetting that there was a time when rock climbing was as foreign to you as a Turkish road sign. Hold on a minute, take a step back. Yes, there are more climbers now than ever before, but you went to kindergarten—you know how to share. There's enough rock to go around—if you take action to protect it.

To keep a climbing area open, to protect climbing resources for this and future generations, you must make your voice heard. Tell the powers-that-be how you feel about their plan for the land—and rock—in your backyard. Complaining to your buddies over beers doesn't count! Write your legislator, contact your local climbing organization, call the Access Fund. You are empowered to create change.

Landowners and managers are unlikely to conserve an area's climbing environment unless they know that people care about climbing there. Write them, call them, email them, hell—create a power point presentation. You have a voice—use it.

The Access Fund recently issued two Action Alerts, notices to climbers of closure threats in their areas. (For more information on these, please log onto www.accessfund.org.) By sending these alerts, we are not attempting to overflow your email in-box, nor are we trying to preach our policy on a virtual soapbox. Our goal is to encourage you to take action.

To assist you, the Access Fund has created an "Activist's Toolbox," offering tips for writing effective letters to land managers, legislators, and elected officials:

www.accessfund.org/programs/programs_tool.html

Remember, silence is consent!



Kate Cavicchio

Cave Rock Update

by Jason Keith, Policy Director

Last December, the Forest Service issued a management document that included a preferred alternative to close Cave Rock to climbing. The rationale behind this decision was that the presence of climbers violated the “feeling and association” of Cave Rock, which is considered sacred to the local Washoe tribe.

Increasingly, climbers have come into conflict with traditional cultural properties that are protected under federal statutes which give the land management agencies the authority to restrict recreational access. Climbing conflicts with “sacred sites” are some of the most delicate and complex issues we face here at the Access Fund.

The Access Fund’s quarrel at Cave Rock is not with the Washoe, but rather with the Forest Service’s refusal to pursue a progressive and balanced management approach. Cave Rock straddles US Highway 50 (4 lanes of traffic, tunneling directly through the formation) and is a place where greater danger is found crossing the lanes of traffic to get to the rock than in climbing the expert-level routes. It is a place where climbers have to shout to each other to be heard over the roar of traffic, and where drivers frequently honk their horns in the two tunnels making verbal communication virtually impossible. Cave Rock has been dynamited, bulldozed, built on, and tunneled through. Cave Rock has also been used as a climbing area for 25 years. By all accounts, only a very few Washoe doctors use Cave Rock for their religious practice, and though their ceremonial periods are infrequent and inconsistent, they assert that Cave Rock should be avoided by all users year-round. We believe that a voluntary time-sensitive climbing closure—such as is implemented at Bear Lodge (Devils Tower)—is the best way to balance the interests of traditional cultures and recreationists.

While the Access Fund remains dedicated to preserving at least limited climbing access at Cave Rock, we are also mindful of the opinions of our members. Below are some letters (two to the Access Fund and one to the Forest Service at Lake Tahoe) that demonstrate the contrasting views on this issue.

Sacred Sites

I am highly supportive of the Access Fund, and I truly appreciate all of the wonderful things you do for climbers and land manage-



ment in general. When it comes to Native American sacred sites, however, I have to differ with the AF. There are a lot of quality arguments for restricting access to these places, but it really comes down to this: As land-based cultures, their sacred sites are their churches. It is hard for westerners to understand how a piece of rock or ground can be thought of in the same way as an ornate gothic cathedral or religious monument, but keep in mind that Native American cultures have spent centuries or millennia carefully revering, protecting and worshiping at these sites, in much the same way that non-native cultures traditionally revere, protect and worship at their churches, mosques, monasteries and temples. Especially considering how devastated their cultures have been by the Great American Experiment, let them at least have their sacred sites to themselves. If you think the voluntary June closure at Mateo Tipila (Bear Lodge) [AKA Devils Tower] is a success, ask a Kiowa, Arapaho, Crow, Cheyenne, Dakota, Nakota, or Lakota. The voluntary closure speaks well of the climbing community, and it is a step in the right direction, but the affected Nations would prefer that everyone stay off their most sacred site - all year long. Hey, you know, I've always thought we ought to put up a few bolted routes in the altar of St. Peter's... and I've noticed several compelling lines on the Wailing Wall!

*Justin Black
Mountain Light Photography*

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Letter to John Maher, Forest Service Archaeologist

The Access Fund has asked many of us, as climbers, to comment on the coming Cave Rock closure to climbing. I am doing so here, as a climber, but also as one of the few economists in the world with research expertise on rock climbers.

I am very sympathetic to the tribe's interests in this matter. I also have worked on projects with archaeologists and know that many think traditional western economics are inappropriate for dealing with tribal values for resources. However, I find the proposed Forest Service policy and argument to ban climbing, while allowing streams of automobiles to drive through Cave Rock, to be absurd.

My economics work indicates that climbers have high values for resources such as this. Our recent study, one of which was published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, focuses on Hueco Tanks, where there are similar conflicts between climbers and tribal resources. This study included data on climbers who climb at Cave Rock. We have done no focused analysis on Cave Rock, but the losses to climbers from this closure will no doubt be substantial. As a federal agency, the Forest Service should have incorporated this type of analysis into their decision-making.

Personally, I have never climbed at Cave Rock, and probably never will. The routes on the rock are extremely challenging and I do not have the ability to do them given my skill set. However, the best sport climbers seek out exactly such routes and finding substitutes for this level of climbing is very difficult. For example, the nearby Lover's Leap, where I often climb, offers no such routes. This almost certainly raises the value of the losses associated with bans at Cave Rock.

I would think that an alternative to the ban might be a limited climbing season. The tribe could find ways to benefit from this, perhaps by charging a small fee, or even voluntary donations from climbers. Maybe this fund could some day be used to reroute the steady flow of cars and trucks that pass through the rock, reducing the noise and pollution there.

*W. Douglass Shaw
University of Nevada, Reno*

Cave Rock Concern from the Arabian Gulf

I am currently in the US Navy deployed in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom against the Terrorist threat that has eluded our country. I have been a member of the AF for approximately two years and have been an avid climber for nearly ten. I

was recently at Cave Rock back in August for my first climbing experience on the famous site. The condition of the rock seemed to be well manicured and well taken care of. I planned on returning to Cave Rock upon my return from my current obligation, to enjoy the freedoms that I and all of my other shipmates are out here to preserve. As a climber I would hate to see access to Cave Rock restricted, so please let me know what I can do to help in any way. Thank you for your time and please keep me posted of this current struggle with the Forest Service.

*Charles R. Vaughn
United States Navy*

Activist's Toolbox for Cave Rock

The Forest Service has agreed to extend the public comment for the Cave Rock Plan until mid-March due to significant pressure from concerned politicians. Check out the Cave Rock Management Direction Environmental Impact Statement at:

www.r5.fs.fed.us/tbmu/management/projects/cave_rock/

The summary section provides a good overview. Tell them what you think. Also, write John Maher, archaeologist for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, at:

*Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
Attn: Cave Rock
870 Emerald Bay Road, Suite 1
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
jmaher@fs.fed.us*

For more effect, also consider copying the following USDA offices:

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USDA Forest Service
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ALASKA
Denali National Park and Preserve Public Review of the Draft Backcountry Management Plan

Denali National Park and Preserve will soon be printing the Draft Backcountry Management Plan/General Management Plan Amendment and distributing it for public review. The plan will guide backcountry management for Denali National Park and Preserve over the next 10-15 years. It describes how the National Park Service will act to provide future generations with a variety of opportunities to experience the Denali backcountry while protecting park wildlife and other natural resources, wilderness values, and subsistence uses. Major topics include airplane landings, snowmobile use, climbing and mountaineering, and commercial activities.

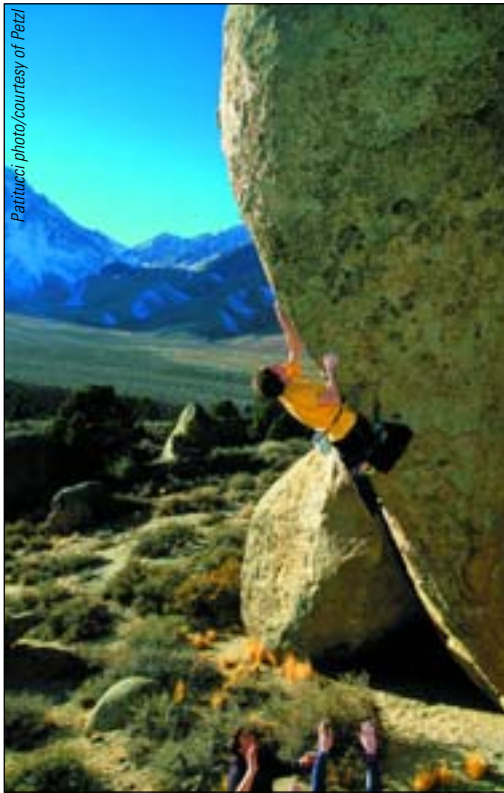
The plan will soon be available, including online at: www.nps.gov/dena through the "In Depth" link under "Planning and Management." Once the plan is released for review, comments will be solicited on the content of the document. Details on public meetings on the draft will be announced after the plan is released.



The Access Fund received the "Alaska Excellence Award" in December. The award recognizes the people and programs that are the best examples of leadership, stewardship, and innovation in the fields of natural and cultural resources, conservation and education. Robert Arnberger, Alaska National Park Service regional director, presented the award in Anchorage.



Thanks to a generous grant from the Access Fund, the Pisgah Climbers Association (PCA) and the United States Forest Service constructed a new Climbers' Information Kiosk at the Sun Wall Trail (the Nose area) parking area. Local building suppliers donated discounted construction materials.



Dave Graham boulders for bucks at Petzl's Roc Trip in Bishop, CA. The event drew together hundreds of American and European climbers, and raised thousands of dollars for the Access Fund.

Memorial

(submitted by Richard Doucette)

On Friday November 30th Scott Sandberg, an active and much-loved member of the New England climbing community, died in an avalanche on Mount Washington near North Conway, NH. He was at the base of the Tuckerman Ravine headwall preparing to climb when a human-triggered avalanche came down from above and carried him away. He was quickly found in the debris, by his climbing partner Richard Doucette, but was never revived. Scott was a dedicated husband and father to his wife Rona and daughter Jessica. Scott organized two very successful Access Fund Adopt-a-Crag Day since 2000. His enthusiasm for life flowed through his climbing, like everything else he touched in his life, inspiring those around him. A memorial donation fund has been established to benefit his family and causes dear to Scott:

Scott Sandberg Memorial Fund
 Medford Cooperative Bank
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 Arlington MA 02476



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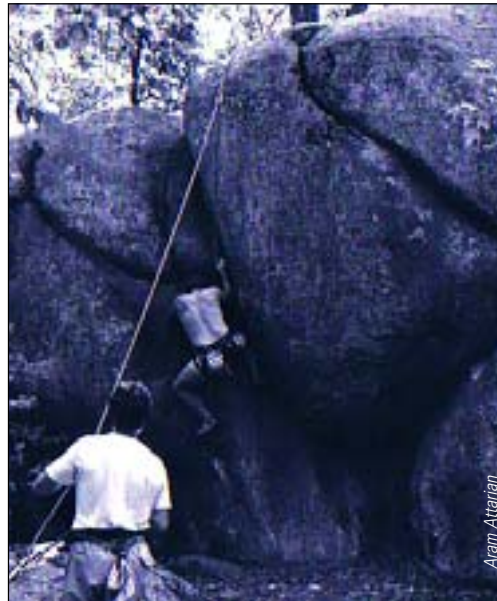
RESULTS FROM THE ACCESS FUND'S 2001-2002 BOULDERING CAMPAIGN

The Access Fund launched a Bouldering Campaign during the summer of 2001 in response to the growing popularity of bouldering. The campaign was designed to:

- Raise bouldering awareness among land managers and the public.
- Promote care and respect for natural places visited by boulderers.
- Mobilize the climbing community to act responsibly and work cooperatively with land managers and landowners.
- Protect and rehabilitate bouldering resources.
- Preserve bouldering access.

Major Accomplishments from the Campaign:

- Provided a \$10,000 grant to the Southeastern Climbers Coalition for the purchase of the "Boat Rock" boulders near Atlanta, GA. This purchase prevented the area from being sold to developers.
 - Provided a \$5,000 grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust for the purchase of the "Saddle Boulders" near Donner Summit, CA. Th bouldering area was added to "climber friendly" Donner Memorial State Park.
 - Produced educational posters featuring Lisa Rands, Tommy Caldwell and Dave Graham. The posters have logos of climbing industry sponsors and were sent to climbing gyms, outdoor retailers, land managers and climbers throughout the country.
- Provided a \$1,500 grant to the Carolina Climbers Coalition to pay for a lease of the Asheboro boulderfield. After two years of negotiations, the boulderfield is now open and managed by members of the Climbers Coalition.
 - Spent \$11,000 on mitigation and restoration projects at bouldering areas in the world class Flatirons above Boulder, CO.
 - Provided a \$9,500 grant to the Bishop, CA office of the BLM to be used for climbing management and improvements at the climbers' campground.
 - Sponsored numerous Adopt-a-Crag events at bouldering areas throughout the country.
 - Produced a series of educational ads featured in *Climbing, Rock and Ice*, and *V-Bouldering*.



Asheboro Boulders, North Carolina



Bouldering Campaign poster series. Design by Ousley Creative.

ADOPT-A-CRAG DAY 2002

THE BREAKDOWN

The Access Fund recognizes everyone who contributed to the success of the 3rd Annual Adopt-a-Crag Day. This year, the Access Fund supported 86 Adopt-a-Crag Day events in 34 states, and one event in British Columbia. Climbers gathered at their favorite crags and boulders for trail construction, litter clean-ups, and visual impact mitigation.

Adopt-a-Crag Day is a national commitment by the climbing community to natural resource stewardship and volunteerism, and would not be possible without the generous support of its sponsors. Title Sponsor Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), Presenting Sponsor W.L. Gore, and Supporting Sponsor Clif Bar provided key financial backing, allowing the Access Fund to provide each Adopt-a-Crag Day event with volunteer incentives and clean-up materials, and to present three awards for exemplary events.

• **The REI Adopt-a-Crag of the Year Award** is presented to Michael Pinkston and the Carolina Climbers' Coalition (CCC) for capturing the overall spirit of Adopt-a-Crag Day in each of their six events. Pinkston and the CCC rallied volunteers at six climbing destinations in the Carolinas: Crowder's Mountain, Hager's Mountain, Moore's Wall, Looking Glass, Pilot Mountain, and the Ridge's Boulderfields. "Having such an array of events, all sponsored by one grassroots local group, was a wake-up call to climbers in the Carolinas. Expect great things from us in the future," promises Sean Cobourn, organizer of the Crowder's Mountain Adopt-a-Crag event. Climbers of all disciplines volunteered for the Adopt-a-Crag Day events. According to Moore's Wall event organizer, Sean Barb, "Rads and trads, ropeguns, boulderers, alpinists, and weekend warriors worked side by side."

• The Access Fund and W.L. Gore present the **Adopt-a-Crag Stewardship Award** to Scott Sandberg and the Quincy Quarries volunteers for displaying a high level of activism and an overwhelming sense of community. Nearly 200 climbers and members of the Metropolitan District Commission attended the Quincy Quarries Adopt-a-Crag Day event. A banner example of stewardship and community-mindedness, the Quincy volunteers completed eight specific projects, including: site cleanup and landscaping, visual impact mitigation, trail building and restoration, and trail sign installation.

Sandberg, who has tragically died since the event (see page 6), was impressed with the dedication of area climbers, "I am a firm believer that to have a cohesive community, one needs active participants."



• Finally, for the continued care and maintenance of Moss Rock Preserve, the Access Fund and Clif Bar present the **Adopt-a-Crag Day Conservation Award** to Lee Means and the Southeastern Climbers' Coalition (SCC). Means welcomed over 80 volunteers to the park for a day of landscaping and construction. At lunch, a wildlife specialist educated climbers on the park's native plant and animal species. Pleased with the results of the trail work, Means exclaimed, "What a day it was! Our work schedule was ambitious to say the least...Climbers' positive impact on the park took a great leap forward on September 7."

The 4th Annual Adopt-a-Crag Day is slated for **September 6, 2003**, so mark your calendars and start rallying your climbing community!

A D O P T - A - C R A G D A Y P H O T O O F T H E Y E A R



Kaija Webster, Minnesota Access Fund regional coordinator, wins the Adopt-a-Crag Day photo contest for her picture of the "Tough Carlton Crew." The photo was taken at an Adopt-a-Crag Day event at the North Shore in Minnesota. Kaija wins a pair of 5.10 approach shoes for her winning image that best illustrates volunteerism and stewardship—the spirit of Adopt-a-Crag Day.

R U N N E R - U P P H O T O S



Pebble Rock at Flagstaff Mountain, CO. Pre-Adopt-a-Crag Day.



Results of Flagstaff Mountain Adopt-a-Crag Day event at Pebble Rock.

Checklist of Spring climbing restrictions to protect wildlife

Each year the Access Fund provides this update so that climbers have a checklist of climbing areas which may have some form of closure to protect cliff-nesting raptors.

To get the latest information: BEFORE visiting an area visit:

www.accessfund.org/access/access_restrictions.html

Climbing areas, websites, and contact telephone numbers are listed. If you do make a call, remember that some agencies have better staffing resources, and will respond more quickly. AT THE CRAG, ALWAYS check signs or brochures at parking lots, trailheads and approach routes.

Restrictions

All of the sites listed have had restrictions in the past. However, because birds can use alternate sites, or fail to nest in a particular year, a closure may have been lifted entirely, or set up in a new area. We rely on climber's feedback to keep this list current. If we have it wrong or if our information is out of date, contact shawn@accessfund.org

(R=Restriction)

Arizona

- Cochise Stronghold: 1 R (520) 364-3468
- Granite Mountain & Thumb Butte: 1 R (520) 771-4733
- Thumb Butte: 1 R (520) 445-7253
- Mount Lemmon: 4 R (520) 749-8700
- Camel's Head nr. Phoenix 1 R (602) 261-8318

California

- Corte Madera, nr. San Diego 1 R (619) 673-6180
- Lover's Leap: 1 R (916) 644-2324
- Pinnacles National Monument: 5 R (831) 389-4485 x 223 Web: <http://www.nps.gov/pinn/>
- Yosemite: 4 R (Note: NOT Half Dome or El Cap) (209) 379-3261 Web: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/home/htm>

Colorado

- Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Painted

Wall: 1 R (970) 249-1914

- City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks 8 R incl. The Third Flatiron (303) 441-4060 x 420 Web: www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/visitor/closure/closure.htm

• Eagle Rock, Boulder Canyon: 1 R (303) 291-7142 Web: <http://ci.boulder.co.us/bmp/>

- Colorado National Monument: 1 R (970) 858-3617

- Eldorado Canyon State Park: 1 R (303) 494-3943 Web: www.dnr.state.co.us/eldorado/climbing

- Garden of the Gods: 1 R (719) 634-6666
- Lover's Leap/Mt. Lindo: 1 R (303) 271-5986

- Lumpy Ridge: 5 R (970) 586-1363
- Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest: 2 R (970) 638 4516

- South Platte, Cathedral Spires: 1 R (303) 271-5995

- Unaweep Canyon: 1 R (970) 244-3000 or (970) 248-7175

Idaho

- City of Rocks: 1 R (208) 824-5519
- Black Cliffs, Boise: 2 R (208) 465-8465

Maine

- Acadia National Park: 3 R (207) 288-3338



The peregrine falcon (shown above), prairie falcons, and golden eagles typically nest on cliffs. If disturbed by climbers, they many abandon their nests and young.

Minnesota

- Tettegouche State Park: 1 R (218) 226-6365

New Hampshire

- Cannon Cliff and The Eaglet
 - Cathedral Ledge
 - Eagle Cliff, Franconia
 - Frankenstein Cliff, Harts
 - Holts Ledge, Lyme
 - Mt. Webster
 - Mt. Willard
 - Painted Walls and Square Ledge, Albany
 - Rattlesnake Mountain (main cliff), Rumney
 - Whitehorse Ledge and Square Ledge.
- Call (603) 224-9909 ext. 317 for restrictions at all New Hampshire areas.

New Mexico

- Sandia Mountains: 4 R (505) 281-3304

New York

- Adirondack State Park: 6 R (518) 897-1291
- Shawangunks, Millbrook Wall: 1 R (914) 255-0919

North Carolina

- Devils Courthouse – 1 R (828) 271-4779
- Hanging Rock State Park 1 R*
- Whitesides Mountain: 1 R*
- Linville Gorge: R *
- Looking Glass Rock: 1 R*
- Web:
www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/ROCK/HTML
or call (828) 652-2144

Oregon

- Smith Rock State Park: 3 R (503) 378-5020
- Eagle Rock, Rattlesnake Rocks, Acker Rock, Limpy Rock, Jurassic Pk, The Honeycombs - Umpqua area
- Rabbit Ears & Rattlesnake, Rogue valley area



The Flatirons and other cliffs on City of Boulder public lands are host to nesting raptors.

- Zen Spot, nr. Roseburg:

Utah

- Zion National Park and Kolob Canyon: 5 R (801) 772-3256 Web:
<http://www.nps.gov/zion/>
- Airport Tower, Canyonlands National Park. 1 R (435) 259-4351

Vermont

- Mt Pisgah, Smuggler's Notch, Deer Leap: 3 R (802) 457-2779

Washington

- Beacon Rock State Park: 1 R (509) 427-8265
- Royal Columns, Oakcreek Wildlife Recreation Area: 1 R (509) 653-2390
- Tumwater Canyon: 1 R (509) 548 6977

Wyoming

- Devils Tower: 1 R (307) 467-5283
<http://www.nps.gov/deto>
- Garnet Canyon: 1 R (307) 739-3488

Be smart about raptors

Which raptors?

Wildlife protection efforts are targeted at the cliff-nesting raptors including: peregrine falcons, prairie falcons, and golden eagles—all protected under state and federal laws.

When?

Restrictions occur when birds are raising their young. Typically this is from February to August, but may be earlier or later depending on climate, elevation, or type of raptor.

Why?

Seasonal wildlife closures give our cliff wildlife the protection it needs at its most vulnerable time. With climber's support such arrangements demonstrate that climbing can coexist with wildlife protection efforts.

And thanks

The Access Fund thanks climbers for their support in protecting cliff-nesting raptors during their most vulnerable period.

Letters **In Support of the Access Fund**

Jessica states [in *Vertical Times* #49]

that Hueco Tanks was "never closed" to climbing since the inception of PUP.

While this is technically true, it is functionally false. Except for North Mountain, the remainder of the park was only open to guided climbing and was only available IF the park decided enough climbers showed up and would only last for two hours at a time—about the time it takes to warm up. Couple this with the incredible inconvenience of having to deal with the entire process, going to Hueco to climb only to find that their guided time was canceled—few climbers considered the park as actually "open."

I was also directly involved with trying to keep the park open before the PUP. The State Parks staff was outright deceptive and totally unresponsive to climbers' concerns in their actions.

I applaud the Access Fund for all their efforts including their investigative work, proposed legal action, monies contributed and their seeming endless negotiations with Park officials on behalf of climbers.

Climbers are the bastard child of recreational user groups. Thanks to climber contributions and support we have the Access Fund to protect our interests and preserve our recreational areas for what they were intended for — access for that purpose!

Lee Sheftel
Carbondale, CO

Vertical Times now on AF Website!

The Vertical Times newsletter is the Access Fund's bimonthly publication which gives you up-to-date news on events, action alerts, area reports, etc. It is a benefit to members and non-members alike. We are also offering this unique publication electronically to save on printing and mailing costs. In response to the October Virtual Times #24, 200 members have requested not to receive their print copy of Vertical Times (a savings to the Access Fund of \$600/year to be utilized for efforts to protect YOUR CLIMBING FUTURE). To stop receiving the VT print newsletter by mail, please email your name/address to cindy@accessfund.org with "Remove Vertical Times" as the subject line. To view back issues of Vertical Times, visit www.accessfund.org

Access Fund to launch Membership Incentive Program

If you're a member, you'll notice exciting new benefits in 2003 when you join or renew at a \$50.00 minimum. As part of the new incentive program, Membership Cards will be introduced and will include discounts on orders from Mountain Tools and Falcon Guides.

As a member contributing more than the basic donation level, here's what you can anticipate in 2003.

Level Benefit

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| \$50 | • Access Fund T-shirt |
| \$100 | • T-shirt & 1yr subscription to Outside magazine |
| \$250 | • T-shirt & Black Diamond Moonlight headlamp with AF logo |
| \$500 | • T-shirt & North Face Redpoint jacket with AF logo |
| \$1000 | • T-shirt & 60m Maxim "Dry" rope |

Stay tuned for more information about these exciting new benefits!

Department of Corrections

In our December 2002 issue, Vertical Times incorrectly stated that Shannon Stuart Smith was accepting the Access Fund's award. Smith accepted the Certificate of Appreciation for the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition. The Access Fund received the same award from the Daniel Boone national Forest for its support and financial contributions towards the Red River Gorge geological area. AF President Dave Rosenstein received the award for the Access Fund.



Access Fund Summit Club

(as of 12/6/02) These members gave \$250+ to the Access Fund in 2002.

Rick Accomazzo	Dominic De Vincenzo	John Kretchmer	Thomas Riihimaki
Samuel Adams	Kathy DiCroce Brown	Mark Kroese	Kenneth Rivkin
Jeff Albrechts	Paul Diefenderfer	Robert Lang	Greg Rogers
Oz, Susy, & Mike Alkaitis	Richard Dietz	Colin & Kathleen Lantz	David Rosenstein
Drew Allan	Kirk Donaldson	Jim LaRue	Jackie Aramany-Roth & Wade Roth
Charles Anderson	Ann Down	Randy Leavitt	Casey Rucker
John Anderson	Cheryl Duckworth	Peter Pryde & Suzanne Lee	Nagaja Sanatkumar
Conrad Anker	Tom Duke	Kyle & Cindy Lefkoff	Peggy Sayer
James Ansara	James Edwards	Wayne Lentz	Vernon Scarborough
David Apple	Paul Emrick	Sam Lightner, Jr	Gregory Schaffer
Jason Applestein	Maria Enrione	Tom, Elke & Chris Lindner	Scott Schievelbein
Bob & Tammi Archbold	Lisa & Phil Ensign	Roger Linfield	Eric Schlegel
Dave Atkinson	Nicolas Falacci	John Logan, Jr	Laura Schmonsees
Mia Axon	Rui Ferreira	J. Patrick Luke	Scofield Auctions, Inc.
Jon Banks	Keith Fleischman	Kastle Lund	Jerry & Anne Seydel
Dale Bard	Timothy Forbes	Ann Lyons	John Sharp
Adrienne Jarrett	James Frank	Sandy Mailliard	George Shaw
Dennis Barry	Jeff Frank	Brent Manning	Audrey Sheridan
Kathleen Beamer	Anders Fridberg	Mikko Mannisto	Elizabeth Sholes
Molly Beard	Paul Gagner	Bob Margulis	Jay & Andrea Shotwell
Wendy Bebie	Frank Galey	Charlotte Fox & Reese Martin	Tony Shouse
Dina Boon & Jim Bennett	Donna Garoutte	Patreece Martin	Jill & Richard Sideman
David Benson	James Garrett	Steve Matous	Amy Simper
Dan Bereck	Kenny Gasch	Thomas & Sarah Matthews	John Sirois
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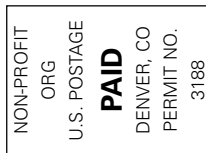
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