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THE AF PERSPECTIVE



“This land is your land, this land is my land”

It doesn't matter how hard you climb or what you climb, we all share the same passion and drive that make us climbers. This kindred spirit—whether on rock, ice, in the mountains or on a boulder—takes precedence over any differences we may have in politics, beliefs, or anything else.

This spirit is alive in Adopt-a-Crag which is a communal effort representing the country's largest climber volunteer effort year after year. Last year 3,800 people participated at 111 Adopt-a-Crag events across the country logging over 20,000 volunteer hours and contributing over \$300,000 of volunteer time. The Access Fund, as advocate for the climbing community, can carry these numbers into Congressional offices and to land owners or managers nationwide to illustrate how climbers take care of the places they play. This in turn gives us influence and builds relationships that often turn into part of our community as well.

Climbers' strength is derived from our community support and over the centuries the cultures that have survived and thrived are the ones who find themselves bound by a common spirit and who unite in time of need. The community needs you now to volunteer in support of Adopt-A-Crag efforts at your local climbing area—we will all benefit for years to come from the efforts we make today.

Find out more at www.accessfund.org/support

Steve Matous, Access Fund Executive Director



Lincoln Woods 24"x36" oil on canvas.
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Jim Collins Benefit Dinner was a Huge Success

Jim Collins, long time hard-climbing Access Fund member, business management scholar and best selling author *Good to Great*, presented "Leadership Lessons of a Rock Climber" at a benefit fundraiser celebrating 15 years of the Access Fund. Mr. Collins prepared the special discussion specifically for this packed-house event which was held at the Denver Botanical Gardens in Denver, Colorado on June 30th.

We would like to extend a special thank you to those attending, our table sponsors (Bennett Partners, Boulder Ventures, and Phoenix Capital), and corporate sponsors (Veramonte Wine, Avery Brewing Co, and Ooh La La Fleur).

An enormous thank you to Jim Collins for putting on a unique and spectacular evening for the Access Fund and the entire climbing community. The proceeds raised at the event will go directly to keeping your local crags open around the country.



In the Meadow 30"x25" oil on canvas
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Yosemite Climbers Receive Bear Boxes at Cliffs

Due to a grant from the Access Fund, Yosemite climbers now have a convenient and effective way of storing food while they are on overnight climbs in the Valley. There are five bear-proof lockers at El Cap crossover, two lockers at Devil's Elbow (at the traditional approach for Zodiac and other South East face routes), two at Bridalveil falls parking for the Leaning Tower, and two more at the Ahwahnee parking/trailhead for Washington Column. Please use them and remember to pack out all garbage.



Michael Lau, Jim Collins and Brett Schaffer enjoying the AF Jim Collins Benefit Dinner | © Randy Levensaler

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AF Board Member and Ambassador, Tommy Caldwell, freeing the Dihedral Wall, El Cap. Photo | © Corey Rich

At press time we have climbed **57 of the 120** pitches on El Cap, completing the West Buttress and Lurking Fear on the Captain's dramatic left side, and finding ourselves 18 pitches up the Muir Wall.

Together we will attempt to at least match Access Fund Ambassador and Board member Tommy Caldwell's accomplishments by repeating all 4 of his first free ascents on El Cap with **each pitch representing an Adopt-a-Crag event**. If we succeed this far, we will work to establish our own first free ascent on El Cap via the 23 pitch Magic Mushroom and set the new standard of success. The tick list is as follows, with a grand total of 120 pitches. Let's get it done!

- 1) West Buttress – VI 5.13c, 20 pitches
- 2) Lurking Fear – VI 5.13c, 19 pitches
- 3) Muir Wall – VI 5.13c, 33 pitches
- 4) Dihedral Wall – VI 5.14a, 25 pitches
- 5) Magic Mushroom – VI 5.14?, 23 pitches

Sitting 18 pitches up the Muir Wall, having just completed two consecutive 5.13 pitches, we're saying "see ya" to the other parties on the wall that have split off to tackle The Shield headwall and Triple Direct. We've put our Gore-tex on as the wind picks up and storm clouds threaten. No worries though, as our bags are well stocked for this ground-up ascent, and we're recovering well between pitches; summit or bust...and bust is not an option!

Help us stay motivated and repeat this route. **Register your Adopt-a-Crag event now.** 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:
<http://www.accessfund.org/adopt>

For more information contact Kristo Torgersen:
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The Access Fund envisions a future in which climbing and access to climbing resources are viewed as legitimate, valued, and positive uses of the land; where climbers respect and appreciate the places they climb so that the climbing environment is conserved for current and future generations.

Access Fund Vision Statement

Adopt-a-Crag is a major part of how climbers and the Access Fund keep climbing areas open and conserve the environment moving us closer to our vision.

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.

Stewardship is the backbone of Adopt-a-Crag and the easiest, most influential way to show appreciation for our climbing areas. Trail maintenance and rehabilitation, trash clean-ups, native flora replanting, and the building of footbridges, kiosks, bird boxes, and staging areas are all great projects for an Adopt-a-Crag event.

Adopt-a-Crag is a great way to show a younger generation the importance of stewardship as part of their identity as climbers. “Actions speak louder than words”, says Access Fund Regional Coordinator Kellie Rice, “and seeing volunteers pick up trash or work on a trail helps make other climbers really think about what can be done to preserve their crag.”

Adopt-a-Crag is a great opportunity to unify your local climbing community. Most of us can't be at the crag everyday, and our “weekend warrior status” or “Tuesday night sessions” sometimes give us a pigeon-holed perspective on the entire community of climbers that call the local crag home. Adopt-a-Crag has the power to unify the many small groups within the community by cleaning-up the crag together, sharing in a cook-out, swapping stories, and forging friendships.

“Adopt-a-Crag is a great chance for event organizers and trail crew leaders to take younger climbers under their wing and show them that caring for our crags is important.”

Brad Mcleod, Southeastern Climbers Coalition

Thomson Ling, Access Fund Regional Coordinator in the Washington DC area says he's “heard over and over again stories of how people have met climbing partners and built friendships at Adopt-a-Crags. Experts, novices, trad climbers, sport climbers, boulderers; everyone shares a common passion and cares enough to give back to the sport they get so much from.”

Adopt-a-Crag showcases the climbing community as a responsible user group and strengthens relationships with land managers and owners.

Someone owns the land you climb on, and they have the final word in determining your access...or lack of access.



Volunteers at the GATHERING, Muir Valley, KY.
Photo | © Karla Carandang

As climbers, we have always prided ourselves on the self-sufficiency and personal responsibility of our community. These days, however, this level of “personal responsibility” is not generally given to user groups by land managers, but must be earned.

Adopt-a-Crag enables climbers to unify the many small actions and large stewardship projects they conduct into one booming voice; a voice that is heard by those who manage the land we climb on and justifies the autonomy we seek. By informing, inviting, and involving land managers in your Adopt-a-Crag event, strong personal relationships can be made helping to ensure access for years to come.

On the national level, Adopt-a-Crag showcases climbers as responsible stewards of their climbing areas to positively influence public policy, management decisions, and agency guidelines. When asking for reduced restrictions and greater autonomy for climbers, the success of the Adopt-a-Crag program becomes a powerful tool.

2005’s record year boasted 111 events, 3,800 volunteers, and 20,000+ volunteer hours. Whether it is a handful of volunteers cleaning up a parking area on a weeknight, or 100 participants maintaining trails over a weekend, every stewardship effort creates a positive impact on your crag, community, and access, and should be a part of Adopt-a-Crag.

Be a part of the solution; visit www.accessfund.org/adopt to register an event or view a list of Adopt-a-Crags in your area.

“Never doubt that a concerned group of citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



2006 kicked off the 7th Annual Adopt-a-Crag season with the expansion into a **year-round** program. Now any stewardship project at any time of year can be registered as an Adopt-a-Crag, and already the benefits are being felt at crags across the country. With a handful of successful stewardship projects already completed and a slew of events already lined up for upcoming months, we are well on our way to making 2006 the most successful Adopt-a-Crag year ever!

With the majority of Adopt-a-Crag events continuing to occur during the months of September and October, we’ve identified this season as “**The Adopt-a-Crag Celebration**”, and for good reason. Local climbing communities reap the fruits of their labor through the community unity created by an Adopt-a-Crag and the improvements made to their crag; two great reasons to celebrate!

Make stewardship a part of your climbing identity. Do you see a need at your crag or in your community? It’s easy to register, organize, and deliver a successful stewardship project with the support and resources of the Access Fund and Adopt-a-Crag.

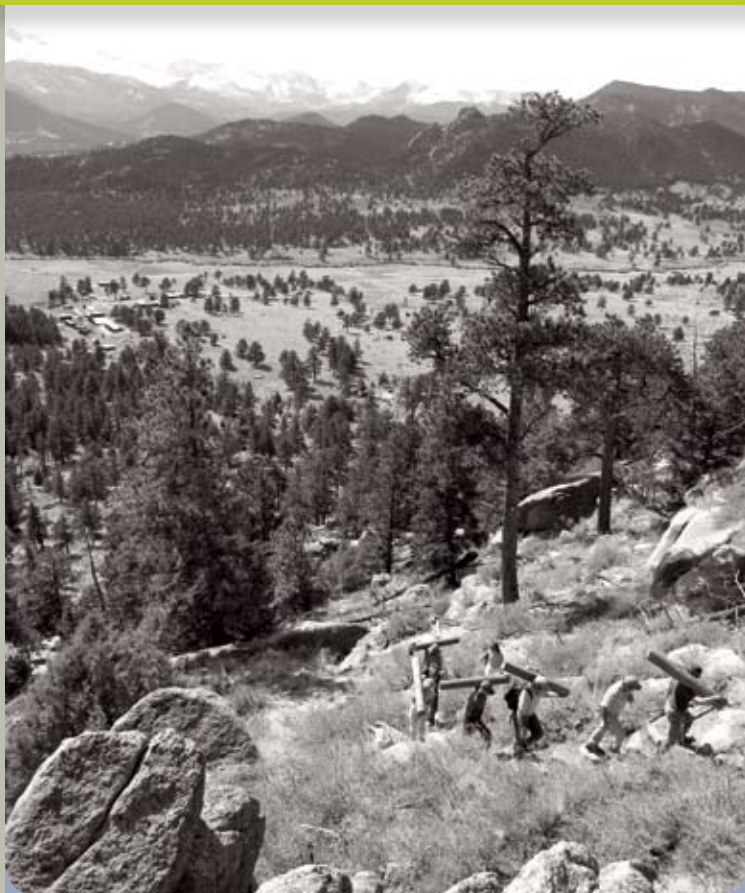
If you don’t have time to host an event, perhaps you can volunteer for an event in your area.

Visit www.accessfund.org/adopt for a list of upcoming Adopt-a-Crags or to learn more about registering, organizing and implementing an event for your crag and community.

Many hands make light work...and improve the climbing environment for now and later.

ADOPT-A-CRAG CALENDAR

Register Your Adopt-a-Crag Now!



08/20 Rabbit Ears, OR. The Rabbit Ears Re-bolting Development hosted by McKenzie Outfitters & The Ledge. 9am-5pm., Jimmy Hammerle, jimhammerle@hotmail.com

08/26 Maple Canyon, UT. The maple Canyon Clean-Up and Trail Work event hosted by The Front Climbing Gym and Liberty Mountain. Two days, 26 & 27. Gear raffle to follow event., Nathan Smith, nathans@libertymountain.com

08/26 Meadow Crags on the Deschutes River, OR. The Meadow Climbing Clean-Up hosted by Traditional Mountaineering. Meet at 9am to improve access trails and replace old anchors., Robert Speik, speik@bendcable.com

09/03 Lewis & Clark State Park, Broughton's Bluff, OR. The 4th Annual Broughton's Bluff Adopt-a-Crag 2006 hosted by the Access Fund Regional Coordinator Oregon. 9:30am-2pm., Tony Holmes, nwwilderness@aol.com

09/06 Flagstaff Mountain Summit, CO. The Flagstaff Trash Bash hosted by the Flatirons Climbing Council. 5pm, trash clean up followed by free BBQ and raffle for all volunteers. Mega schwagalicious, uberfun event., Willie Mein, willie_mein@hotmail.com

09/09 Obed Wild and Scenic River, TN. The 2006 Adopt-a-Crag at the Obed Wild and Scenic River hosted by the East Tennessee Climbers Coalition. Meet at Del and Marti's at 9:30am., Rick Bost, rickbost@aol.com

09/09 Q'emilin Park, Post Falls, ID. The North Idaho Adopt-a-Crag hosted by the North Idaho College Outdoor Pursuits., Paul Chivvis, paul_chivvis@nic.edu

09/09 Ross Park, Pocatello, ID. The Ross Park Clean-up hosted by the Idaho State University Outdoor Program., Peter Joyce, joycpete@isu.edu

09/09 Carderock Recreation Area, MD. The Carderock Adopt-a-Crag is hosted by the Maryland Access Fund Regional Coordinator with support from many local climbing organizations. The event is from 9am-2pm, check-in at 8:30am., Thomson Ling, thomsonling@gmail.com.

To view more events visit:
www.accessfund.org/events/aacd.php

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Red River Gorge, KY

Bill Strachan, Executive Director, Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition

The third payment out of ten annual mortgage payments for the Pendergrass-Murray Recreational Preserve (PMRP) in Lee County, Kentucky has recently been made by the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition (RRGCC). The ability of the RRGCC to make this payment was made possible, in part, due to a \$2,500 Climbing Preservation Grant from the Access Fund and the efforts of the www.redriverclimbing.com website community as spearheaded by Michelle Ellington. Because of her efforts, Michelle received the RRGCC Volunteer of the Year Award. Congratulations Michelle and thank you to the Access Fund and to all who contributed time, money, or both in our continuing efforts to secure climbing at the PMRP.

Climbers Make Project of LAC Process Limits of Acceptable Change, or LAC, is a nine step US Forest Service planning process that is currently being conducted for the Red River Gorge.

To conduct the LAC Resource Inventory USFS employees, interns, and volunteers used high-end GPS units to locate all trails, campsites, destination points, archaeological sites, and climbing areas in the Gorge. Data concerning the conditions of these resources was also measured and recorded. The end product of Step 4 has been an amazing GIS database that can be queried and manipulated to produce maps and charts of recreational use and impacts.

Right now in Step 5, the focus of the LAC Workshops is determining measurable standards or limits defining acceptable resource conditions. Further on, in Step 7, management actions to bring impacted areas back to within acceptable standards will be developed. Steps 6 and 8 of LAC will likely have the most influence on the future of rock climbing. In Step 6, LAC Workshop participants will map the Gorge into zones according to different levels of recreational opportunity and experience, then in Step 8 the group will select a preferred alternative.

All climbers are encouraged to learn as much as possible about LAC through browsing the information on the Daniel Boone National Forest website www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/. The RRGCC also welcomes any climber inquiry, comment, and input as our involvement will ultimately have a significant influence on the future of climbing in Red River Gorge. www.rrgcc.org/

Update: Climbing at Great Falls Park, VA

Thomson Ling, Access Fund Regional Coordinator

Last year many climbers commented on the draft General Management Plan/Environment Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) the National Park Service presented for Great Falls Park, VA. In March this year, four representatives of Friends of Great Falls www.friendsofgreatfalls.com reviewed the public comments that were submitted in response to the draft GMP/EIS for Great Falls Park. This review of the comments was arranged through the Great Falls Park Planner, and took place at Turkey Run.

Friends of Great Falls has prepared a summary of the analysis of the comments which can be found at www.friendsofgreatfalls.com. Friends of Great Falls recognizes the assistance of the National Park Service (NPS) in reviewing the public comments while the management plan process is ongoing.

In addition, the National Park Service has undertaken a multi-year study to examine the vertical rock faces of the Potomac Gorge (which includes Carderock, MD and Great Falls, VA). This study will document plant communities and soils living on and near cliff surfaces in the Potomac River Gorge. Additionally, the study will assess any impacts of recreation use and park visitation on these important cliff habitats. The first phases of the study have already begun and the tentative completion date is 2009. Currently, the researchers are being assisted by local climbers from Friends of Great Falls who are helping the researchers locate the various climbing areas included as part of the research design.



Tuolumne 56"x48" oil on Linen | © Emilie Lee



Closures at Indian Bluffs, IA

Evan Fales, Access Fund Regional Coordinator and President of the Iowa Climbers Coalition

A temporary closure has been declared to all forms of climbing in the section of Indian Bluffs Wildlife Management Area north of Chimney Rock. This includes three sport routes, Saving Grace, Wedding Bells, and an unnamed route. The closure will be in effect this summer while the Iowa DNR completes a Compatible Use Evaluation, including a survey of algal habitat in the closure area for rare and sensitive species. Please respect this closure. For more info visit the Iowa Climbers' Coalition's website: www.geocities.com/eiowacc/

Climbing Access Updates, MN

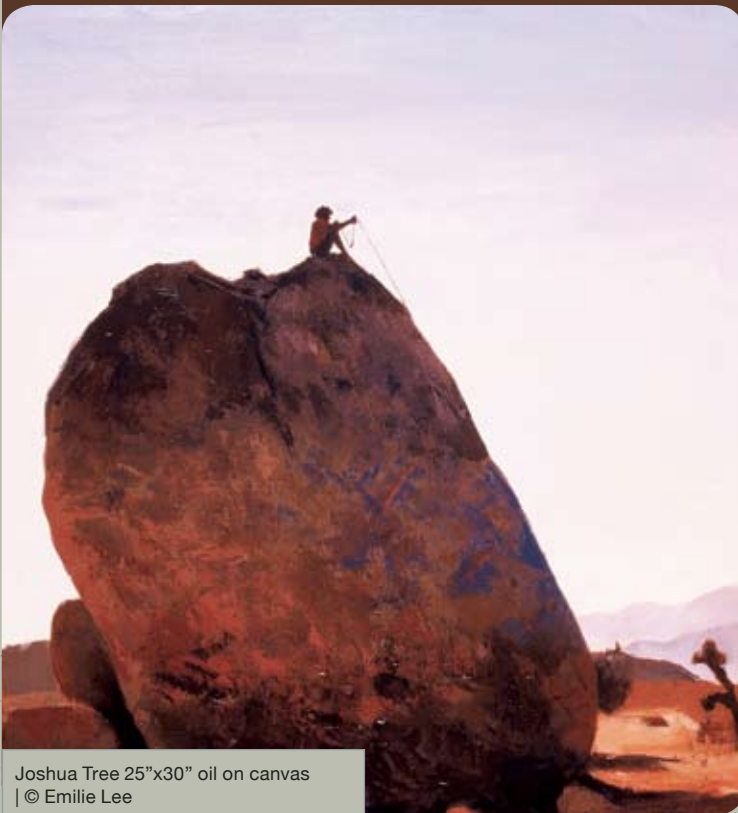
Shawn Tracy, Minnesota Climbers Association

Sandstone, MN

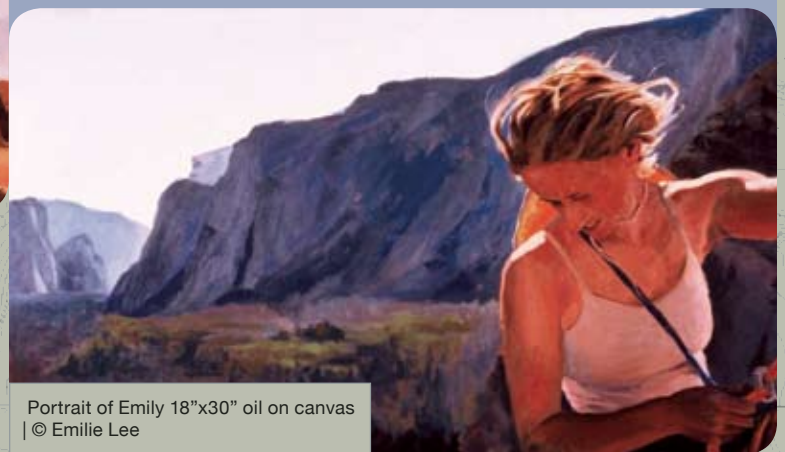
The Minnesota Climbers Association has assisted several ambitious local climbers in legalizing rock and ice climbing in a quaint sandstone quarry in east-central Minnesota. Climbing has occurred within this park/quarry for at least 30 years on a "don't ask, don't tell" basis upheld by both climbers and the City of Sandstone. Initial work towards opening access started in summer of 2005 with two clean-up events, brush clearing and campsite establishment for the city. All of these events were carried out by climbers from Minnesota and Wisconsin. An ice climbing festival followed these events with both natural and farmed ice for close to 100 participants to enjoy. Over the winter of 2005-2006, a climbing management plan was drafted by climbers and ultimately accepted including wordage for ice farming. A climber's advisory committee was established for new route development oversight and to protect the City's interests. The park hosts a handful of beautiful rock routes including Sigma, 5.12+, one of Minnesota's finest climbs. Several natural ice and testy mixed routes are also climbed in the park with plans set for establishing a sustainable ice farm.

Interstate Park, Taylors Falls, MN

A long-closed rock formation has officially been reopened within Minnesota's side of the two-state park, Interstate Park. Devil's Chair is a free-standing basalt column with a fine 5.9 hand crack running its' length. A wobbly block on top of the formation forced the park to close the route many years ago. The block has since fallen and the Minnesota Climbers Association negotiated its reopening this spring. This success is likely due to the Association's annual Adopt-a-Crag event that has been held in the park since 2000.



Joshua Tree 25"x30" oil on canvas
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Portrait of Emily 18"x30" oil on canvas
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Access Fund Rallies Idaho Climbers to Help Re-open Twin Sisters at the City of Rocks

Over 4 days in late June, Access Fund Policy Director Jason Keith and Associate Programs Director Kristo Torgersen toured Idaho to meet with local climbers, the National Park Service (NPS) and congressional staff. The Access Fund's mission in Idaho was to alert Idaho climbers and their congressional representatives about the climbing ban on the Twin Sisters formation at City of Rocks National Reserve (CIRO) and the 13 proposed revisions to the CIRO Climbing Management Plan (CMP). The Access Fund urges action while the 2006 CIRO CMP revision and the Twin Sisters issue are still on the table. For more information see <http://www.nps.gov/ciro/pphtml/documents.html>.

Since the mid-1990s climbing has been prohibited on the Twin Sisters, a decision formalized in the up-for-review 1998 CIRO Climbing Management Plan. The NPS issued this closure despite their own study showing no significant physical, visual or audible impacts from climbing activity on the Twin Sisters. The NPS justified their decision by claiming that climbing disrupted the "feeling and association" for visitors observing the historical view shed along the Oregon-California Trail, and rejected several obvious compromise alternatives.

In 2004, after speaking with the Access Fund, the entire Idaho Congressional Delegation signed a letter sent to NPS Director Fran Mainella supporting a revision of the CMP to "ease the absolute ban on the Twin Sisters." The NPS responded, pledging "to evaluate if the decision to ban climbing on the Twin Sisters remains valid." The NPS further guaranteed that the plan amendment would proceed "with full opportunities for public review and comment." Since that time the NPS has changed their plans, in the process confusing Idaho climbers, Congress, and even CIRO managers.

In January 2006 the NPS held an internal meeting to review the CMP (prior to the revision of the larger comprehensive plan where they were supposed to analyze the Twin Sisters issue) and decided to uphold the current ban, thus ignoring the wishes of the Idaho Congressional Delegation and denying the public an opportunity to comment. Thirteen other recommended changes to the CMP were also identified at this meeting. See <http://www.accessfund.org/display/page/AA/35>.

In late June the Access Fund held meetings with local climbers in Pocatello, Ketchum, and Boise; representatives from US Senators Crapo and Craig, and Congressman Otter were present. The vast majority of Idaho climbers want the Twin Sisters climbing ban lifted, and ALL felt that the NPS had wrongfully excluded them in the decision making process. Many climbers also voiced opinions regarding the 13 recommended revisions to the CIRO CMP. **At these meetings the AF urged three separate actions: (1) climbers write Congress now and push for an amendment to the Twin Sisters climbing ban, (2) climber comments to CIRO when the draft CMP is released in early Fall; and (3) climbers comments in '07 or '08 when the NPS finally analyzes the Twin Sisters closure in their comprehensive plan.** The Access Fund will alert all interested climbers by email when the deadlines for points 2 and 3 are determined—sign up for the AF E-News at <http://accessfund.org>.

By traveling to Idaho, the Access Fund connected with locals and successfully alerted, educated, and gained the support of Idaho climbers and their congressional representatives for a reasonable solution at Twin Sisters. The Access Fund will continue to work on the Twin Sisters issue by motivating climbers to write letters to CIRO on upcoming planning initiatives as well as to Congress to advocate for a more reasonable management approach providing low impact climbing opportunities at Twin Sisters.



Climbers at a meeting in Pocatello voice their opinions on the Twin Sisters climbing ban.

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Slab Scene 24"x16" oil on canvas
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Emilie Lee has been chasing the sun in search of climbing adventures for the last nine years. She recently traded in her life on the road for a slightly more civilized existence in Boulder, CO where she is pursuing her career as an artist. Her paintings and artwork illustrate the joys and thrills of the climbing life and are inspired directly from her own experiences. Her artwork is regularly published in *Rock & Ice Magazine* as well as the *Alpinist*. In October she will be opening her studio to the public during the Boulder Open Studios Tour (www.openstudios.org) so y'all better come over for a beer! (or two)

Check out more of Emilie's art at www.portfolios.com/emilielee

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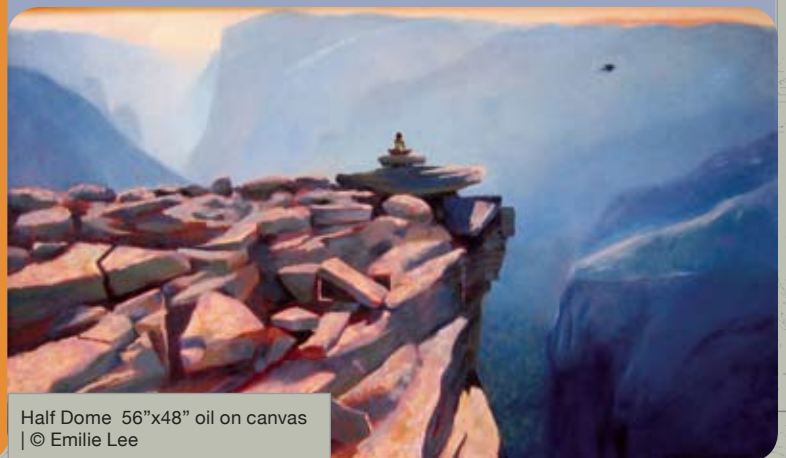
METOLIUS brought in 7 members.

PRANA, OUTDOOR RESEARCH, THE NORTH FACE, and CASCADE DESIGNS are also participating and will be wrapping up their membership drives soon.

If you're a Corporate Partner or an employee of an AF partner, and would like to participate, contact Membership Director Kerry Cowan at kerry@accessfund.org or call 888-8-MEMBER x106.

As Peter Metcalf President of Black Diamond said: "All of us at BD are proud of what the Access Fund does for American Climbing and it is our pleasure to do this once a year."

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CONTRIBUTING — \$500+

Advanced Base Camp — 1992
Alpine Ascents International — 1998
Avery Brewing Company — 1998
AZ on the Rocks — 2003
Bearing Images — 2000
Climbing Rope Bracelets — 2005
Eagle Creek — 2005
Excalibur DMM/Wild Country
Extreme Engineering — 2004
Five Ten — 2004
Flannel Design — 2001
Fox Mountain Guides &
Climbing School — 2005
GearEXPRESS.com — 2003
Higher Ground Roasters — 2003
Julbo — 2005
JustRopes.com — 2004
Kind Coffee — 2003
Kristin Carpenter
Public Relations — 2003
Matrosh Inc.- AustriAlpinUSA — 2005
Moonstone Mountain Equipment — 2003
Mountain Tools — 1991
Mountaineers Books — 1992
NEice.com — 2005
Nemo Equipment — 2005
Nicros — 1997
Pacific Edge Climbing Gym — 1995
PMI — 1991
Portland Rock Gym — 2005
Real Cheap Sports — 2003
Sickle Climbing — 2001
Stone Age Climbing — 1997
Stone Moves — 2005
Tom K. Michael, D.D.S., P.S. — 2000
Travel Country Outdoors — 2002
Vasque — 2001

MEDIA PARTNERS

Alpinist — 2003
Andrew Burr Photography — 2006
Andrew Querner Photography — 2006
ASANA PackWorks — 2005
Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine — 1997
Camp4.com — 2002
Coreyography — 2002
Dan Bailey Photography — 2002
DrTopo.com — 2003

GetBeta.com — 2004
Gripped: The Climbing Magazine — 2004
Harrison Shull Photography — 2006
Integrity 7 Productions — 2004
Lenticular Pictures — 2005
Michael Clark Photography — 2004
Mike Tea Illustration and Design — 2006
N'East Magazine — 2006
Nathan Welton Photography — 2005
Ousley Creative — 2001
Patitucci Photo — 2003
Rockclimbing.com — 2006
Second Chance Films — 2004
Sender Films — 2005
Sharpend Publishing — 2004
She Sends — 2004
SNEWS — 2002
Stark Contrast Photography — 2005
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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

Alabama

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Arkansas

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Arizona

Arizona Mountaineering Club*
Friends of Queen Creek*
Northern Arizona Climbers Coalition*
Prescott Climbers Coalition*
Tucson Climbers Association*

California

Bigfoot Country Climbers' Association*
Cragmont Climbing Club
Eastern Sierra Climbers Coalition*
Friends of Joshua Tree*
Friends of Pinnacles
Friends of Williamson Rock*
San Diego Alliance of Climbers*
Southern Sierra Climbers Association*

Colorado

Access Colorado*
Action Committee for Eldorado*
Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance*
Flatirons Climbing Council*
Northern Colorado 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*
Texas Mountaineers

Utah

Friends of Indian Creek*
Salt Lake Climbers Alliance*

Virginia

Friends of Great Falls Coalition*

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

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