

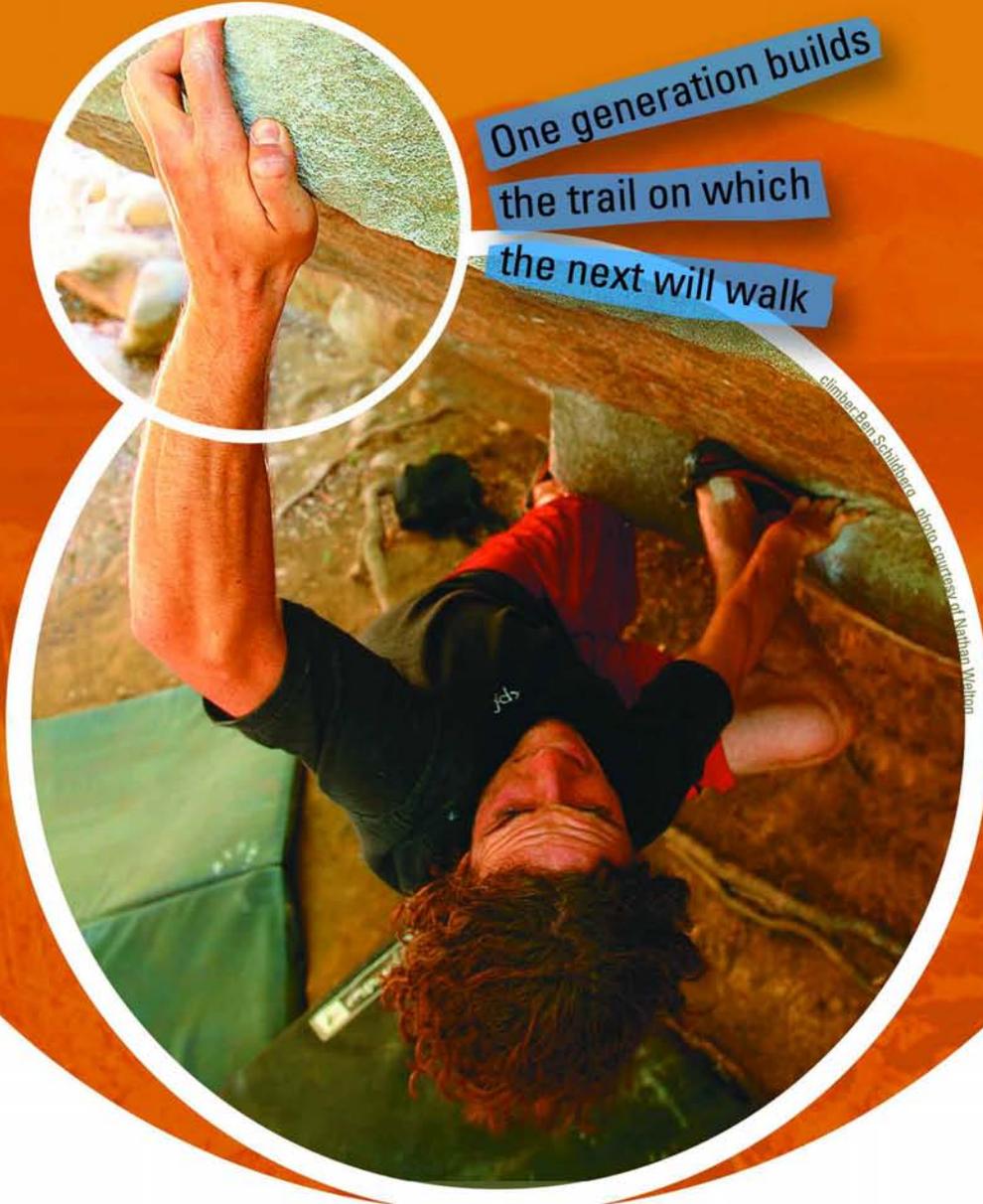
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stay on trails



pad lightly



trash trash



eat cheese

THE **BOULDER** project
An AccessFund Initiative
POWER OF THE MOVEMENT

The Access Fund's Vision for the Future of Climbing

Standing on top of Ama Dablam a number of years ago I had a realization that I still carry with me. I concluded that no matter how remote a climb, how challenging the approach, or how empowering it is to cruise through the crux, success rarely comes because of one person. It takes a cooperative effort to accomplish a vision.

The Access Fund has a vision-

"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."

The vision statement was created with input from the climbing community and the AF board and staff; it is, indeed, a communal vision. And, we all have a part in the vision's success through our actions and attitudes. Be it packing out more than we bring-in, organizing an Adopt-a-Crag, talking to a land owner about climbing on their land, starting up a local climbing organization, or volunteering as a Regional Coordinator we all do our part every time we rack-up our gear or stack-up our pads.

In the past 12 months, we have seen this vision play out. Together we, the entire climbing community, opened new climbing areas through partnerships with public land agencies and landowners and came together in record numbers to conserve the climbing environment.

With assistance from the Access Fund and a lot of hard work by Access Fund Affiliates and Regional Coordinators, the climbing community:

- Purchased Jamestown, a climbing area in Alabama, which had been closed since the early 1990s

- Purchased Bolton Quarry in Vermont
- Worked with the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado to open a new climbing area, Red Rock Canyon Open Space
- Worked with the City of Fairborn, Ohio to open a new climbing area, Oaks Reserve Park
- Overturned a climbing ban for all New Jersey State Parks
- Worked with the BLM office in Bishop, California to review a scientifically unsupported raptor closure, leading to the reopening Chalk Bluff to climbing
- Worked with the city of Provo, Utah to save Rock Canyon from mining destruction
- Worked with Utah Open Lands to forever protect the traditional climbers' access and campground at the base of Castleton Tower, UT
- Contributed over 18,700 volunteer hours to conserve our climbing environment through Adopt-a-Crag
- Contributed countless hours to keeping our favorite climbing areas open through building relationships with land owners and managers, attending city council meetings, writing letters, calling our legislators, and schooling each other on the importance of stewardship

We all have a stake in the Access Fund's vision and together we move closer to its realization. A victory for climbers in Vermont is a victory for climbers everywhere; and a loss of a climbing resource anywhere is a loss for the entire community. No one can do it alone, **the future of climbing is in all our hands.**

Steve Matous
Executive Director
Access Fund

THE TIME IS NOW FOR OAK FLAT, AZ!

If you have ever thought: I'll write that letter or make that call when they really need me- the time is now! Oak Flat/Queen Creek, AZ has received lots of press from us and support from you in the past but **this is it. Legislation has now been formally proposed in Congress and would produce the largest loss of climbing resources ever in the United States.** Reference *House of Representatives Bill #2618* for letters sent to representatives and *Senate Bill # 1122* for letters sent to senators.

Over 1000 roped routes and 2000 boulder problems (yes that's one and two thousand respectively) would be lost if this legislation goes through. We need your help!

See the action alert on: accessfund.org for full details, addresses, letter templates and background.

Take 5 minutes to write the US Congress and Senate today! *It will make a difference.* **Be part of stopping the largest climbing closure in history!**

Adopt-a-Crag 2005 Challenge

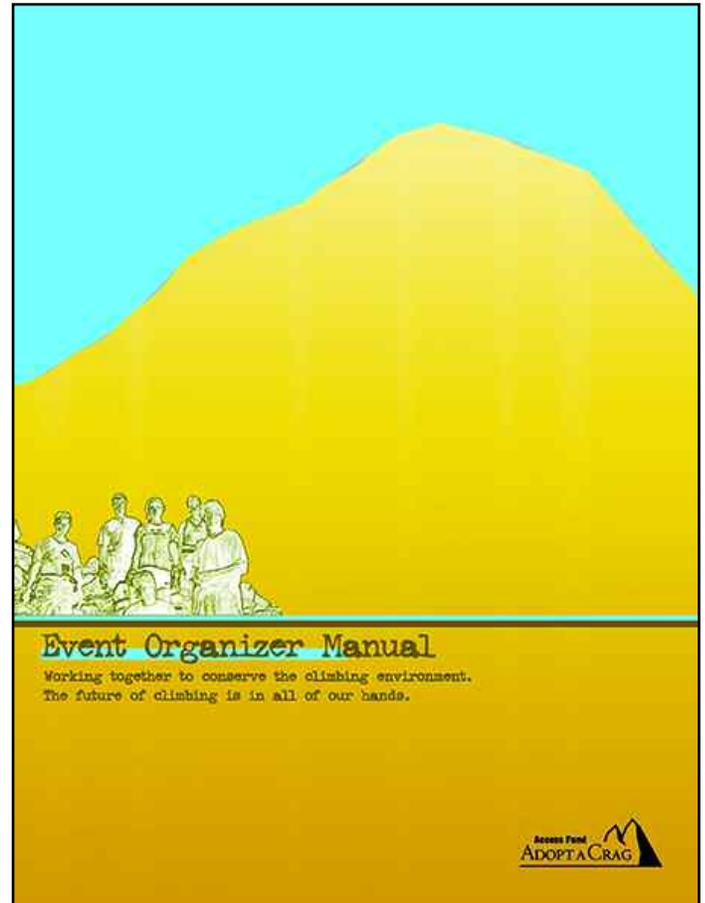
(By Deanne Buck, Grassroots Coordinator)

From Alaska to Georgia, Maine to California, Adopt-a-Crag is captivating the country like a superhero. While we might not all climb like Batman, Batwoman, or even Tommy Caldwell, together we will attempt to climb the 120 feet of Flex Luthor (metaphorically speaking of course since *Flex Luthor* is Tommy's 5.15a superhuman route) Each foot of the "route" will be symbolized by an Adopt-a-Crag event. From over-the-head kneebars, hand jams, finger locks, and thumbstacks, we all bring our own expertise that will enable us to jointly climb the incipient crack. As with all visions for success, we cannot do it alone. We need the entire climbing community to join in this effort. Through a communal effort we can top-out and become the adventure heroes we have always known we are.

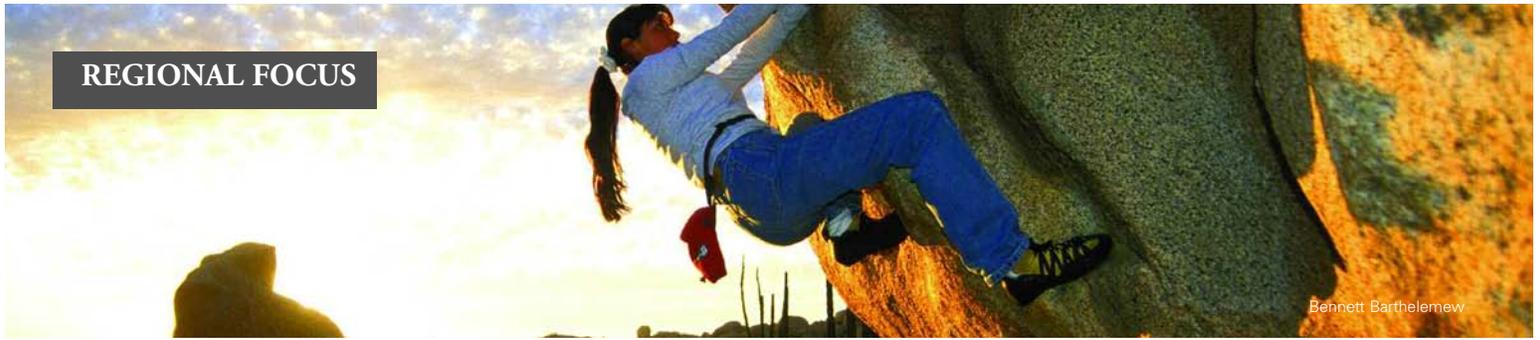
Adopt-a-Crag is an excellent avenue for building alliances and partnerships and to plan for the future. Be it a crag clean up of eight volunteers or a fundraiser, comp or trail work project with 100 volunteers, Adopt-a-Crag is about giving back to those places we love and use. Adopt-a-Crag inspires activism, advocacy, volunteerism, and stewardship. In the five years since the inception of Adopt-a-Crag, climbers around the country have built and restored thousands of miles of trails, hauled tons of trash, and completed thousands of conservation initiatives.

We have, once again, expanded Adopt-a-Crag to encompass the entire month of September. We made this change to encourage organizers to schedule their Adopt-a-Crag event on a day that works best for their community and to partner with other organizations. Download your Adopt-a-Crag Manual at: accessfund.org/pdf/adopt2005.pdf and register online at: accessfund.org/adopt/

•For more Adopt-a-Crag info, see "Grassroots" on page 7



Download your 2005 Adopt-a-Crag Event Organizer's Manual at accessfund.org/pdf/adopt2005.pdf for all the latest information about how to organize your next Adopt-a-Crag event. Adobe Acrobat required as file is in PDF format. Coaches can also download the Youth Team Project Manual on the AF website for specific information on how youth climbing teams can be involved with Adopt-a-Crag.



WEST

Action Alert Helps Preserve Access to Darrington Climbing Area, Washington



Last month the Washington Climbers Coalition and the Access Fund issued an Action Alert on the impending closure of the road providing access into the Darrington climbing area. Thanks in part to the swift and timely response from climbers in the form of calls and letters, the Forest Service will be doing repairs to the Clear Creek road, and access will be maintained for the near future.

The Access Fund helped make this access victory occur with its Action Alert in the April *E-News* #54: "You can tell your friends to stop calling us now; we're going to have a contractor start repairs on the road next week," said the USFS Roadway Supervisor of Clear Creek Road. The success epitomizes climbing activism. Thanks to all of you that responded to the alert!

For more information on how you can help advocate for long term access into this area, please visit:

washingtonclimbers.org

Lost Rocks, California Access Alert

(Report from Bennett Barthelemey)

Where: Lost Rocks Bouldering Area/Northern California.

Why: Private land trespassing/ Native American cultural concerns.

What to Do: Boulder somewhere else or do not access from the north at the river mouth.

- Access the boulders from either the High Bluff Trail south or the Flinthead Ridge Social Trail from the east. Both are unmaintained and unsigned.

On the beach, north of the Flinthead Trail is private property and Reservation land, both of which are off limits.

- Local Native Americans have voiced serious cultural concerns about the use of Lost Rocks as a bouldering area so please be very conscientious of your actions and do not place any fixed hardware.

For more information, email the Bigfoot Country Climbers Association at:

wildhumboldt@hotmail.com

CENTRAL

Reimers Ranch, TX Needs Your Help



(Report from ctmrocks.com/)

The sale of Reimers Ranch to Travis County would ensure recreational access to the land. However, if the Travis County Bond Advisory Board Members and the Travis County Commissioners don't hear from the community about how important we feel about continued recreation and access to this land, there is a very serious possibility that it would be developed for something other than a public park. We can't let that happen!

Please take the time to help in a letter writing campaign to the Travis County Bond Advisory Board Members and the Travis County Commissioners. Written letters are the most effective means of showing your support, especially when paired with a follow-up phone call.

The Travis County Commissioners will vote on the allocation of the money for the first acquisition of 200 acres. After that, if approved, the Bond Citizens Advisory Committee will decide whether we can vote in November in the bond election for funding the purchase of an additional 300 acres. All of these decisions will be happening approximately before the week of June 27th. Please make your voice heard well in advance of that date since it is approximate.

There is only this one chance to save Reimers. The alternative is development for other things such as field facilities. You can put a baseball field anywhere at any time but you can not duplicate the beauty of Reimers Ranch or preserve it once it's been developed.

For more information visit:

ctmrocks.com/

Wisconsin Outdoor Access (WOA) Seeks Support

Wisconsin desperately needs advocates for rock climbing. Gibraltar has been closed for four years, and other areas are at risk. WOA is working with the Access Fund to reopen Gibraltar, and have been working with climber members of the DNR's Rock Climbing Technical Advisory Committee. Climbers need a voice in policy and decision-making, and we are there to represent you.

For more information, visit:

climbingcentral.com/



SOUTHEAST

Rumbling Bald, NC Access Preserved as a State Park



(Report by Sean Coburn at carolinaclimbers.org)

On Thursday, May 26th, North Carolina Governor Easley signed Bill 586 authorizing Hickory Nut Gorge State Park, which includes Rumbling Bald.

This is great news for climbers. While it will be a multi-year process, with much work left to do, such as fund raising etc., the climbing community is one step closer to protecting a place that is near and dear to our hearts. Thank you to everyone who has donated time or money and thanks to all of you who took the time to call and write your legislators. You made the difference. For more information, visit carolinaclimbers.org/

"The New" Threatened By Large Housing Development Proposal

In mid-January 2005 the Atlanta-based Land Resource Companies (LRC) first detailed plans for their Roaring River Development that proposes the construction of 2,200 upscale homes on 4,300 acres along the rim of the New River Gorge. The development could be visible from several popular overlooks on the east side of the Gorge such as Diamond Point on the Endless Wall and Babcock State Park. There are several points across the river from which the development would be visible and forever change the public's view shed. Some climbing access trails could also be affected. In late February, thanks to aggressive community activism opposing the proposal, LRC withdrew its application for rezoning immediately prior to a scheduled hearing before the Fayette County Planning Commission. LRC remains confident that Fayette County will eventually approve its project, and it intends to present a revised rezoning application and development proposal to the Fayette County Planning Commission later this year.

What you can do for the New:

1. Support the New River Alliance of Climbers. For more information contact the folks at Waterstone Outdoors: (304) 574-2425 waterstoneoutdoors.com
2. Visit the following websites:
nps.gov/neri/pphtml/newsdetail16825.html
ncnr.org/alert.html
rockclimbing.com/topic/81913

NORTHEAST

Poke-O-Moonshine Mountain, NY Raptor Closures



(Report from rockclimbing.com)

There are new route closures at Poke-O-Moonshine Mountain, NY due to peregrine falcon nesting. Rock climbing routes will be closed effective April 18, 2005 and will remain closed until July 15 — or further notice. Notices of any changes to this closure will be posted weekly at: dec.state.ny.us/website/reg5/closedroutes.html

For other closures/restrictions nationwide, visit: accessfund.org and click any state.

Your Source for Connecticut Climbing Beta

(Information from raggedmtn.org/)

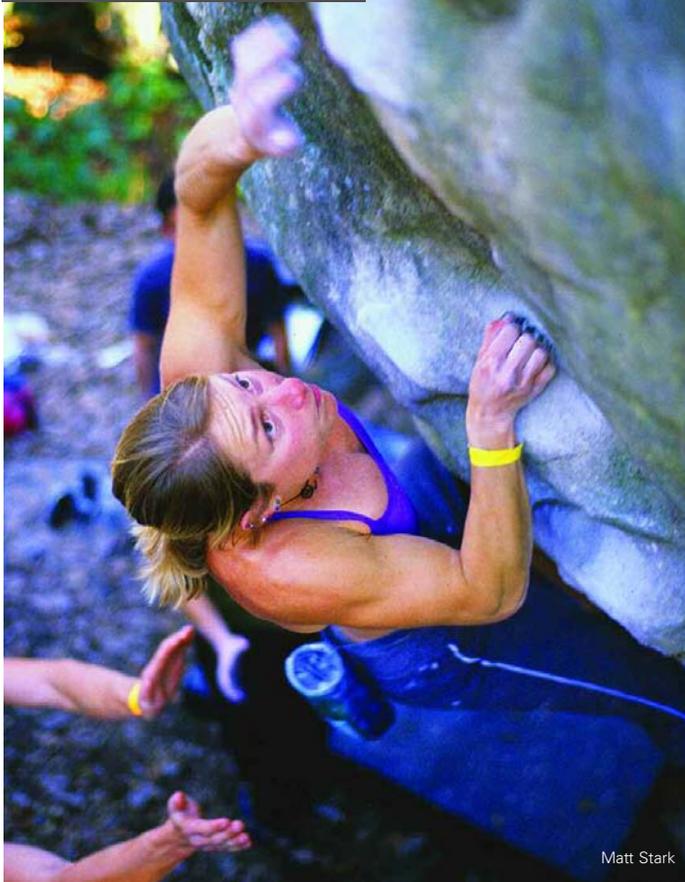
For climbing information in Connecticut, visit the Ragged Mountain Foundation's website at: raggedmtn.org/climbct.html

The site offers maps, topos, photos and more.

The Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF) is a nonprofit conservation group dedicated to conserving natural resources and maintaining public access to Connecticut's high and wild places. The RMF was originally formed to own and administer the primary rock climbing area in Connecticut, Ragged Mountain. After a long legal odyssey the title to this parcel of land was transferred to the RMF and it now owns fifty-six acres of land in Southington, Connecticut that includes a nationally known climbing area and a section of the Metacomet Trail. Recently it has become more involved with other climbing access issues in Connecticut. The RMF is also an Access Fund Affiliate.

RMF's property, Ragged Mountain, is governed by a lengthy legal agreement that spells what can and cannot be done with the property. Its ownership responsibilities include trail construction and maintenance, litter control, and working with the surrounding community to resolve parking problems. Furthermore, the RMF sponsors a number of activities. Each year they have a summer picnic, a winter party, and an annual meeting.

BOULDERING FOCUS



Matt Stark

Lisa Rands Interview

By Brad McLeod, Southeastern Climbers Coalition (SCC)

Lisa Rands, Access Fund Ambassador and professional climber, is riding a wave as one of the hottest female climbers on the planet. The SCC's Brad McLeod caught up with her for this candid interview.

SCC: When did you start climbing? Where?

Lisa Rands: I started climbing in 1992 in Southern California, between trips to the beach.

SCC: Who were some of your early mentors?

Lisa Rands: Zach Shields a good friend of mine at that time was my teacher. Lynn Hill was who I looked up to as well as John Long who had left his mark all over Southern California.

SCC: Have you always been a boulderer? Are you into other types of climbing?

Lisa Rands: I have always been more natural at bouldering than anything else I've tried, but when I first began climbing my goals were the opposite of bouldering. I wanted to climb big walls and do aid routes and lots of trad climbing.

SCC: What are your favorite climbing areas?

Lisa Rands: Usually it's the area I'm climbing at. I get really motivated every time I get to see new areas and I keep seeing great places that really inspire me. I can't say I really have a favorite any more. I always used to think of the California granite as my favorite rock type, even

though it is sometimes sharp, but I also really have liked the sandstone in the South that I saw, and also in Fontainebleau.

SCC: Have you climbed much in the deep South?

Lisa Rands: Yes, I climbed around Chattanooga at Little Rock City and Horse Pens 40 last May and both places were AMAZING!!! Is that the deep South. I also climbed all around Boone in North Carolina and the rock there is incredible too, but that's not really deep South is it?

SCC: Do you have a favorite southeast area?

Lisa Rands: Wow, they are all amazingly good. Maybe Little Rock City, so far, but I've heard about a lot of other cool places.

SCC: What do you see in the future of bouldering?

Lisa Rands: Hopefully boulderers will continue to respect the outdoors and all those great bouldering playgrounds—yet to be discovered—will still be there for all our enjoyment.

Read the complete interview at: seclimbers.org/

SPOTLIGHT

While not all of us can send the latest V13 test-piece (and may not even care to try), we can all do our part to show respect for our crags, others and the environments in which we play. Not sure of the better beta to keep the areas open? Check websites, guidebooks, and talk to locals. Below are 5 things we can all do to make the crags just a little bit better.

- Greet everyone you see with smile—especially non-climbers. Sounds cheesy but hey, we're all a part of the same outdoor community.
- The next time you see your local land manager or landowner introduce yourself, strike up a conversation, and tell them how much you appreciate the access, the land and climbing. By earning their respect, we'll conserve great places to climb.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper explaining why you love climbing and why continued access is important. This lets the community know that climbers care and are great stewards of the places we climb.
- Get yourself a milk jug, cut a small opening in the top, wrap it with duct tape (this is necessary to make it look tough), and clip it to your pad. Make sure your whole posse has one. Then when you see a bit of garbage that someone left behind throw it in your buddy's jug.
- Wear your Access Fund tee shirt, not only is it cool but you can use it to shirt-slap holds.

Spotlighter Out.



GRASSROOTS

Coordinating Adopt-a-Crag: A Personal Account

*By Thomson Ling, Access Fund Regional Coordinator—Maryland
(Special thanks to Adopt-a-Crag Planning Committee members: Lillian Rodriguez, Wendie White, Meghann Gili, Dave Raboy)*

Coordinating an Adopt-a-Crag is similar to being a best man, it is incredibly rewarding and an honor but there is much work involved.

The first year, I coordinated an Adopt-a-Crag on my own. The next year, I got smart. I sent out an e-mail to every climber I had ever met and asked them to be an Adopt-a-Crag planning committee member. With promises of satisfaction, glory, and local climbing fame, who could resist?

A day went by without a reply, two days...I started to get worried. What if my attempt to reach out went unnoticed? On day three, my calls for help were answered. Four brave souls signed on and together we had a planning committee.

Old-school organizing -hours spent planning in living rooms, libraries, and town hall basements- was replaced by virtual planning via the internet. Between the initial June and final meeting in September, the planning committee discussed ideas, exchanged information, spoke to sponsors, and planned logistics entirely over e-mail.

Before we knew it, September and Adopt-a-Crag was upon us. The morning of the event, I loaded my car up in the rain. As I drove towards Great Falls Park, the rain got worse. I looked at the weather map, rain all day. When the planning committee showed up, we decided to go for it and power it out in the rain.

We set up the sign-in tent and waited for volunteers to show up. One volunteer showed up, then two, then 30. It was absolutely amazing to me how many volunteers decided that a little rain wasn't going to stop them from giving back to their climbing area. And just as if on cue, the rain stopped as soon as we started the event. Over

the course of the day, the sun came out and we were able to accomplish an amazing amount. In total, 38 volunteers put in over 160 volunteer hours. We worked on two erosion control projects to preserve the trees and paths that climbers and visitors use to access the cliffs. We also picked up trash around the cliff areas. We moved an astonishing 4 tons of gravel and picked up several thousand pounds of litter.

Pete Lonsway, the ranger at Great Falls Park, commented to me, "I'm blown away at how gung-ho this group is... every year I have a timeline for how long it will take to do a certain project and your group is blowing through the project." I could only smile and say, "Yes, that's climbers for you." Later in the day, Mark Nelson from REI addressed the group and said, "I have never worked with a more dedicated and enthusiastic group who is willing to come out in the pouring rain and work to give back to the community."

Curse or blessing, I still haven't decided. Perhaps a little bit of both. One thing is for certain though; I can't wait for next year's event.

A New Area to Climb: Climbers and Land Managers—A Success Story

(Report by Bob Hostetler, CO Springs Climbers Alliance)

In 2004, the City of Colorado Springs purchased a family-owned site for a future park. The site, later named Red Rock Canyon Open Space, contained a series of uplifted sandstone hogbacks, extensions of the same formations that make up Garden of the Gods, a long-established rock climbing area outside of Colorado Springs.

A group of climbers (now known as Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance) who were actively working with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services ("Parks and Rec") on climbing issues at Garden of the Gods decided to become active in the planning process of the park from the very beginning. The climbers wanted to insure that climbing would be a part of the plan for the new park, and believed that an area that was absolutely new to climbing should have an organized, controlled, and managed process of route development that would fit in well with other uses of the area.

From the first public Master Planning Process meeting, the group made sure that climbers' interests were well represented. The climbing group presented a proposal for



an overall climbing plan which identified certain areas for route development along with a specific set of climbing rules and procedures. The plan was eventually adopted essentially as proposed.

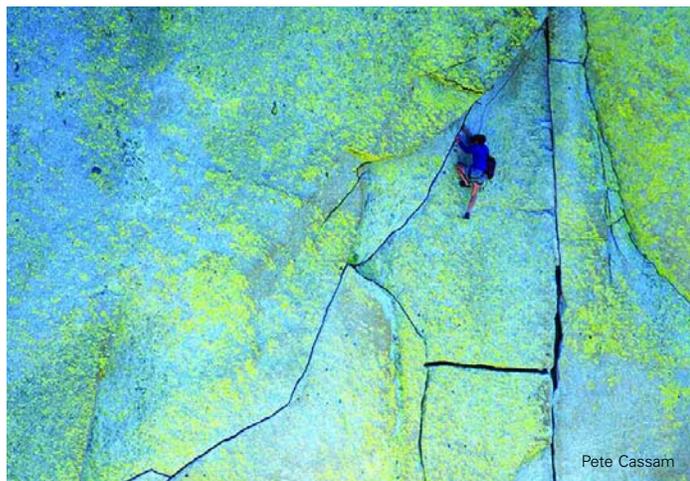
The sandstone has virtually no cracks, accordingly most routes are bolted. Prior to the opening of the park, local climbing activists, Ric Geimann, Stewart Green, Bob Hostetler, and Brian Shelton, with the Park and Rec's approval, coordinated the establishment of routes according to strict standards. Standards included route termination/rap anchors under the top of the hogbacks (to reduce rock fall risk, discourage "tourist" scrambling on the top of the hogbacks, limit damage to sensitive environments), no dangerous run outs, and camouflaging of bolts. Based on an agreement between the climbing group and Parks and Rec, there is a 2005 moratorium on the establishment of new bolted routes. In 2006, new routes will need to go through a public approval process mediated by the Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance.

Within a couple of weeks of route completion, Stewart Green ("Rock Climbing Colorado," et al) had a first edition guide published, proceeds which helped support some of the costs of developing the area. The balance of costs was incurred by the climbers establishing the routes. Soon after...it was opening day for the park and climbers had a new place to play.

Editor's Note: Bob's proactive and cooperative approach to working with land managers and public agencies sets a great example for the possibility of partnerships. Congratulations to the entire climbing community. This is a victory for us all!

Testimony from Climbing Activist, Matt Schultz, Southern Sierra Climbers Association President

In June 2003, I was voted the President of the Southern Sierra Climbers Association (SSCA), a club with a history of climbing advocacy throughout California. The bulk of our members live the Central Valley or the adjacent foothills of California, though our work and climbing events take us all over the state. My service as President has been a time of stressful satisfaction, balancing the needs of full-time education, work, and family. My term



has been the benefactor of the work done by many of the Southern Sierra First Ascent legends such as former SSCA presidents Rene Ardesch and Patrick Paul, and many others such as Eddie Joe, David Hickey and Bruce Watts. These climbers saw the need for representing the climbing community in a positive light during a time when the mainstream perception of climbing was in transition, and many of the national land management agencies were beginning to question its impact. Their work officially began in 1995 and has since helped keep climbing access intact for the Southern Sierra.

The perception of climbing was changing as the sport gained popularity and more climbers brought increased impacts. The Southern Sierra has always been a place where most of the traditional precursors of access threats have been minimal or unnoticed. The image of bolt wars, climbers in need of rescue, or naked bonfire keg parties of the high-traffic destinations became part of the climbing portrayal. We wanted to let the public know that climbing for us is different.

The work of the SSCA has been to show the positive aspects of climbing and the proactive nature of climbers by doing Peregrine Falcon Surveys with the U.S. Forest Service, and we do our best to get the word out when a closure is in effect. We have removed literally tons of trash from Moro Rock in Sequoia National Park, worked to change perception of climbing as a 'risky' sport by rebolting routes with much help from the American Safe Climbing Association. We also have future plans to help the Forest Service maintain fire lookouts at two of our local crags, the Needles and Buck Rock.

Throughout this process, I have learned a number of lessons which may help folks who are looking to organize and secure a positive perception of the climbers in their area, whether or not there is a pressing access threat.

1. Gather together a group of dedicated individuals.
2. Base all work on a clear mission, in a defined work area. A good plan is to have a concise mission statement, and a small work area to concentrate your efforts. Get as much input as possible from those whose help you hope to enlist.
3. Reach out to other organizations who can help your cause. For example we have worked with American Safe Climbing Association on many rebolting projects and have looked to the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group for training in falcon surveys.
4. Communicate well within a core group of volunteers, and keep everyone aware of what their specific task is. Do not be afraid to ask someone to accept a clearly defined job, rather than ask "would you like to help?"
5. Use deadlines.

Matthew Schutz has been climbing and hiking in the Sierras since childhood and has recently directed his energy in the last two years to the Southern Sierra Climbers Association. He is a full-time college student, climbing guide, granite seeker, and an enthusiast for practically everything from guitar to frisbee.

EVENTS

Check out the latest Access Fund affiliated events
accessfund.org/events/events.php

To streamline the events process, the AF has created a new page on the website under the EVENTS tab where interested people or groups can complete a webform for their event. If your event qualifies, membership materials and goodies may be sent additionally. All events the AF is involved with will be included on the event schedule. The deadline for event registration is one month prior to event. To register an event, visit: accessfund.org/events/index.php/

THANKS

Big thanks to Daniel Pronsolino at San Luis Obispo for his work on the boulderProject, Luke Cudney for being a creative genius and his creation of this year's Adopt-a-Crag poster, and Erik Murdock at the University of Arizona for always helping out and providing great and insightful feedback.

STAFF UPDATE

The Access Fund is pleased to announce the hire of Whitney Self as the new Director of



Whitney Self and her dog, Stella

Development. Whitney comes to the Access Fund as the former Development Director of Colorado Conservation Voters. Prior to that she served as the Deputy Campaign Manager and functioned as Political Director and Lobbyist for SEIU.

"We are excited to have Whitney join the Access Fund team. Her professional experience and energy are perfect for her new job and she adds a fresh perspective to our advocacy work," says Steve Matous, Executive Director. Whitney will be responsible for fundraising strategy and philanthropic support of major donors and foundations.

Whitney has a BA in Political Science and a minor in Environmental Ethics from the University of Georgia. She joined the Access Fund fulltime on June 1st.

Climbing Survey

The North American Rock Climbing Survey is a collaborative effort to understand how rock climbers use resources, travel, and make destination decisions. The Access Fund and over 16 local climbing advocacy groups throughout North America support this effort. This survey only samples climbers and depends on your participation. The results will be available to national, regional and local climbing advocacy groups. Let your voice be heard. Visit the link below to complete survey:

bonesaw.srn.arizona.edu/climbing/naclimbsurvey.php

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BlueWater - 1992

Dana Design - 2003

FalconGuides - 1998

Gregory Mountain Products - 1993

Marmot - 1999

Metolius - 1991

Misty Mountain Threadworks - 1994

Mountain Hardwear - 1996

New Belgium Brewing Co. - 2000

Sterling Rope - 1994

Touchstone Climbing Inc. - 1998

MAJOR - \$1,000+

Amadeus Consulting Group - 2004

Asolo - 2003

Big Up Productions - 2003

bluetrope consulting - 2003

CAMP USA - 2004

Cloudveil - 1998

Crazy Creek Products - 1992

Gripped: The Climbing Magazine-2004

Lowe Alpine Systems - 1991

Montrail - 2002

Phoenix Rock Gym - 1997

Planet Granite Climbing Gyms - 2004

Redpoint, Inc. - 2000

Revolution Climbing - 1998

Rock and Snow, Inc. - 2003

Schwartz Communications, Inc.-2003

SuperTopo.com - 2003

Thule - 2003

Ultimate Ascents International-2003

VooDoo Holds - 2001

Yates Gear - 1993

CONTRIBUTING - \$500+

Advanced Base Camp - 1992

Adventure Guide Pakistan - 2005

Alpine Ascents International - 1998

Anker Climbing Equipment - 2003

Avery Brewing Company - 1998

AZ on the Rocks - 2003

Bearing Images - 2000

ClimbingBoulder.com - 2001

Eagle Creek - 2005

Excalibur DMM/Wild Country/Red

Chili USA - 1995

Extreme Engineering - 2004

Five Ten - 2004

Flannel Design - 2001

GearExpress.com - 2003

Higher Ground Roasters - 2003

Julbo - 2005

JustRopes.com - 2004

Kind Coffee - 2003

Kristin Carpenter Public Relations-2003

Matrosch Inc.- AustriAlpinUsa - 2005

Moonstone Mtn. Equipment - 2003

Mountain Madness - 2000

Mountain Tools - 1991

Mountaineers Books - 1992

Mountainsmith - 2003

NEice.com - 2005

Nicros - 1997

Osprey - 2003

Outland Mountain Shop - 2003

Pacific Edge Climbing Gym - 1995

PMI - 1991

Portland Rock Gym - 2005

Real Cheap Sports - 2003

Royal Robbins - 1992

Saltic Climbing/Trekking - 2003

Sickle Climbing - 2001

Stone Age Climbing - 1997

Stone Moves - 2005

Tom K. Michael, D.D.S., P.S. - 2000

Travel Country Outdoors - 2002

MEDIA PARTNERS

Alpinist - 2003

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine-1997

Camp4.com - 2002

Coreyography - 2002

DrTopo.com - 2003

GetBeta.com - 2004

Integrity 7 Productions - 2004

Lenticular Pictures - 2005

Michael Clark Photo. - 2004

Nathan Welton Photo. - 2005

Ousley Creative - 2001

Patitucci Photo - 2003

Second Chance Films - 2004

Sender Films - 2005

Sharpend Publishing - 2004

She Sends - 2004

SNEWS - 2002

Eastern Mountain Sports

EMS is all about climbing. Founded in 1967 outside of Boston by a couple climbers who weren't happy with the selection of climbing gear found at other stores, EMS has grown into an outdoor authority with more than 80 stores and an online presence to boot.

EMS has been a high level Access Fund partner since nearly the beginning realizing the importance of what having places to climb means to them as a business and for their customers.

As part of their commitment to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment EMS donates the proceeds from their catazine (a hybrid catalog/magazine) to the Access Fund. The latest edition features an article on "The Ethics of Access" taking the message and mission of the Access Fund to a wide audience. The catazine will put you back a whopping two bucks which EMS then turns around and hands to the Access Fund. Get it? By ponying up a couple bucks you get an entertaining mag with great photos and beta and you further help keep climbing areas open. Seems like a no-brainer to me...

EMS takes their role in the future of climbing very seriously from their EMS Climbing School, the EMS Raise the Roof Tour (a bus that runs on bio-diesel with a hydraulic lift climbing wall on the roof), in-store and online expertise, to funding for organizations like the Access Fund. Thanks for the support and hard work you do for the entire climbing community!



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Local Climbing Organizations & Access Fund Affiliated LCOs

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 at the local or regional level. LCOs are the liaison between the climbing community and the land managers and owners for the crags within their region. Affiliates are LCOs who have joined the Access Fund Affiliate Program. Through the Affiliate Program, the Access Fund's goals are not only to strengthen our relationship with the climbing organizations that perform such great work on the local and regional levels, but to strengthen all of our advocacy efforts as well. If you are an LCO listed below and are not an Access Fund Affiliate, please contact Deanne Buck, Grassroots Coordinator at 303.545.6772 x112, or deanne@accessfund.org (Affiliates denoted by *)

AL
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

AR
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

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

CA
Bigfoot Country Climbers' Association*
Boulder Clean - Joshua Tree Bouldering Group*

Cragmont Climbing Club
Eastern Sierra Climbers Coalition*
Friends of Joshua Tree*
Friends of Pinnacles
San Diego Alliance of Climbers*
San Diego Climbers Coalition*
Southern Sierra Climbers Association*

CN
Climbers Access Society of British Columbia*

CO
Action Committee for Eldorado*
Colorado Springs Climbers Alliance*
Flatirons Climbing Council*
Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition*

CT
Ragged Mountain Foundation*

GA
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

IA
Eastern Iowa Climbers Coalition*

ID
Boise Climbers Alliance*
Kootenai Climbers*

IL
Illinois Climbers Association

KY
Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

MA
Appalachian Mountain Club - Boston Chapter*
Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition*

MI
Grand Ledges Climbers Coalition

MN
Minnesota Climbers Association*

MO
Climbers Alliance of Mid-Missouri*
Kansas City Climbing Club*

NC
Boone Climbers Coalition*
Carolina Climbers Coalition*
Pisgah Commercial Climbers Association*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

NJ
Access NJ*

NM
CRAG-New Mexico

NV
Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council*

NY
Gunks Climbers Coalition*

OH
Ohio Climbers Association

OK
Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition*

OR
AAC - Oregon Section, Access Committee*
Mazamas
Smith Rock Group*

PA
Lancaster Climbing Club - Access Project*
Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers*

SC
Carolina Climbers Coalition*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

SD
Black Hills Climbers Coalition*

TN
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

TX
Central Texas Mountaineers*
Climbers of Hueco Tanks*
Texas Mountaineers

UT
Salt Lake Climbers Alliance*

VT
CRAG-VT*

WA
Washington Climbers Coalition*

WI
Wisconsin Outdoor Access*

WV
Coopers Rock Regional Climbing Coalition*
New River Alliance of Climbers*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*



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