2006 THE ANNUAL REPORT ISSUE

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For 16 years, since 1990, the Access Fund has been the country’s only organization dedicated solely to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment. In that time we have spent millions of dollars on land acquisitions, local conservation projects, support for grassroots activism, climber education, and representation in the public policy arena. We have grown to over 15,000 members and affiliates and gained the support of the climbing industry. We work with countless corporate and community partners, 60 affiliated local climber organizations, and 50 regional coordinators to advocate on behalf of the 1+ million active climbers in the USA.

In 2006 our board of directors adopted a new strategic objective that places our resources strongly in support of acquisitions, easements and other land protection methods for the benefit of the climbing community. While we have been involved with this kind of land conservation since our beginning, this new strategic commitment involves strengthening our profile even more by developing the resources necessary to protect and preserve threatened climbing areas and adding a staff position in the years ahead.

In September of 2006 we held a conference bringing together the organization’s national network of regional coordinators and leaders of affiliated Local Climbing Organizations as well as board members and staff to better inform ourselves on the importance of land acquisitions and what support the climbing community seeks from the Access Fund. This conference underscored the Access Fund’s commitment to the promotion of local grass-roots activism and outreach by focusing on preservation of access to private lands.

In 2006 the Access Fund awarded over $80,000 in Climbing Preservation Grants. These monies helped establish Local Climbing Organizations (LCO’s), supported local land acquisitions, built or repaired trail systems, built toilets, restored erosion, created signage, produced brochures and assisted many other grassroots initiatives in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.
2006 was a successful and productive year for the Access Fund thanks to strong support from climbers throughout the country. Challenges remain, but we continue to advocate on behalf of our members, partners and 1+ million active climbers in the US. We look forward to increasing and improving our grassroots support of climbers around the country working in unison to keep their climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment for future generations. Together with a focused mission, long term commitment to self-regulation and local activism we are well prepared to continue to address the issues in the years ahead.

Our national policy efforts continue in Washington D.C. affecting legislation and regulatory initiatives that benefit climbing in the United States. An example of a policy success in 2006 was our effort on the Oak Flat Arizona License proposal. We have now completed final negotiations with Resolution Copper Company (RCC), and the license is signed. This was part of our advocacy on a land exchange bill in front of the US Congress (still pending) that would have been the largest single loss of climbing resources in the country.

Our role in the Outdoor Alliance; consisting of the Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Hiking Society, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association and Winter Wild Lands Alliance, continues to leverage our presence in Washington DC to lobby on behalf of all recreational users in areas of common concern. Highlights include both high level and staff meetings with all agencies and Congress on funding, access and recreational infrastructure.

Steve Matous, Executive

Dan Nordstrom, President

2006 SOURCE OF FUNDS

- Individual, Foundation and Organization Support 57%
- In-Kind Contributions 15%
- Corporate & Grants 24%
- Other 4%

2006 USE OF FUNDS

- National Policy, Acquisitions & Special Programs 30%
- Climber Outreach, Advocacy & Communication 28%
- Fundraising and Administrative 20%
- General Communications 16%
- Other 6%
Access And Acquisitions

Building collaborative relationships is the secret to resolving most access issues. Discussion between climbers and land managers will result in climbing-management policies based on mutual agreement. The Access Fund and all of its Affiliated Local Climbing Organizations and Regional Coordinators strive to achieve a win-win solution when working with public land managing agencies.

Gaining public access on private land is perhaps the most challenging permission to acquire and is often only achieved after a few individuals build a solid relationship with a land owner which sometimes requires years. Sometimes the only way to ensure climbing access in perpetuity is to acquire the land. The Access Fund has always supported the preservation and conservation of climbing resources in perpetuity through land acquisitions and land easements by investing in the promotion of local grass-roots activism and outreach. This is accomplished by providing technical resources as well as financial support through the Access Fund Climbing Preservation Grants Program.

» MADRONE WALL, PORTLAND • OR
In January, Hardscrabble property (a.k.a. Madrone Wall) became part of an area for Clackamas River Watershed Protection resulting in its preservation as a public park, never to be sold to a private interest or mined.

» YOSEMITE • CA
The Access Fund represented and defended the interests of climbers in meetings with several Yosemite National Park (YNP) land managers and planners regarding a host of management plans that could affect climbing access or the climbing experience. These NPS planning initiatives in YNP include a Camp 4 remodel, the Tuolumne River and Meadows Plan, the Merced River Wild and Scenic River quota issues, an El Capitan Meadows Restoration Plan and general climbing management concerns such as fixed anchors/ropes on El Capitan and bear boxes for wall climbers which the Access Fund provided a grant for in 2005.

» WILLIAMSON ROCK • CA
AF Affiliated LCO, Friends of Williamson Rock (FoWR) formed to represent climbers’ interests at Williamson Rock in Southern California. FoWR’s first project is to work closely with USFS to address access, stewardship and climbing management issues as they relate to the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog in order to reopen Williamson Rock to rock climbing.

» COCHISE STRONGHOLD • AZ
As a result of dedicated, on-site monitoring conducted by the Southern Arizona Climbers Coalition and current monitoring results, the Coronado National Forest reevaluated far reaching seasonal closures and permitted year round access into the Rockfellow Dome Park, an important climbing resource.

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Boat Rock • GA
AF Affiliated LCO, the Southeastern Climbers Coalition, paid off their Boat Rock mortgage ahead of schedule, thanks in large part to the Triple Crown Bouldering Series.

Laurel Knob • NC
AF Affiliated LCO, Carolina Climbers Coalition closed on its Laurel Knob acquisition on February 15th, 2006. The 50-acre purchase near Cashiers, North Carolina opens up a previously closed climbing area.

Chimney Rock • NC
Due in part to the efforts of the climbing community, the state of North Carolina purchased Chimney Rock for $24 million adding 2000 acres to the new Hickory Nut Gorge State Park. AF Affiliated LCO, the Carolina Climbers Coalition is well represented on the Park Planning Board, to ensure that climbing will be able to continue in the park.

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POLICY

The Access Fund is the leading voice of the climbing community in the political and land management arenas. Much of the AF policy work occurs in Washington DC with key officials, bringing the climbing community to the table on key issues. Some of these issues are resolved quickly while others require a longterm commitment of resources to resolve.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2006

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

In 2006 the Access Fund lobbied to defeat proposed changes to National Park Service (NPS) policies that could have led to the increased degradation of our national parks and negatively influenced the experiences of the growing numbers of climbers nationwide.

The NPS had proposed changes that would lessen the NPS “impairment” standard for allowed park uses. The AF, in response, argued (http://accessfund.org/pdf/dmp05.pdf) that the existing 2001 policies serve the parks well and could be even more effective if implemented more consistently and appropriately. As part of this advocacy, the AF issued an action alert to climbers across the country and submitted administrative comments directly to the NPS. Our work for park protection joined a broad coalition of recreational and environmental interests who were instrumental in eventually defeating the ill-conceived proposed changes.

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, UT

In 2006 the Access Fund met with congressional representatives and National Park Service officials in Utah and Washington, DC to minimize negative affects on climbing access in Arches National Park resulting from the controversial 2006 ascent of Delicate Arch. A glaring media spotlight and criticism of the climbing community from numerous groups, individuals, and public leaders led to dramatically increased climbing restrictions in Arches including a ban on all new fixed anchors. The new rules limited climbing access to numerous unclimbed first ascents throughout the park as well as historic desert towers requiring pitons.

In an effort to head off bad climbing publicity and recover climbing access in Arches National Park, the Access Fund met with park officials to talk about the new restrictions and proposed a climbing management plan to provide for reasonable recreational use while also addressing NPS concerns. The Access Fund also helped organize a group of regular Arches climbers dedicated to rehabilitating the park’s relationship with climbers which resulted in a climber-run program to replace dozens of unsightly rappel slings visible to the general visitor on numerous routes located above park roads and trails. The result of this advocacy has been a scheduled climbing management plan for 2007 that will incorporate both Arches NP as well as adjacent Canyonlands National Park.

OAK FLAT, QUEEN CREEK CANYON, AZ

The Access Fund’s efforts to preserve climbing opportunities at Arizona’s Oak Flat and Queen Creek Canyon achieved success in 2006 following the execution of a recreational use license with Resolution Copper Company (RCC). For the last several years the Access Fund policy program worked to protect climbing access to these central Arizona areas threatened by a massive copper mining proposal. This recreational use license will preserve climbing access to two climbing areas in Queen Creek Canyon and the primary bouldering areas at Oak Flat proper. (see www.accessfund.org/display/page/PR/40).
Final negotiations with RCC resulted in a waiver process for climbers accessing the properties with Access Fund Affiliated Local Climbing Organization Friends of Queen Creek (www.friendsofqueencreek.org) helping implement climber obligations including locating kiosks and providing visitors with waivers and information about the licensed property.

**US FOREST SERVICE LAND SALE PROPOSAL**

In 2006 the Access Fund helped defeat efforts to privatize vast areas of public lands across the country that had threatened recreational opportunities including climbing.

The US Forest Service (USFS) proposed selling over 200,000 acres in 31 states—some of which include climbing areas—to fund a law requiring the government help pay for school and public services in rural parts of the country. The AF issued an action alert to climbers nationwide asking them to search the USFS auction list to ensure that their local climbing areas on federal land wouldn’t be sold to private interests.

The AF also submitted administrative comments on the land sale proposal, urging the USFS to look at alternate ways to fund the schools and public services obligation. The Access Fund’s position, shared by numerous other interest groups, favors federal funding for rural schools and roads but opposes the permanent loss of public lands that would only temporarily support this important program. The USFS land sale proposal was eventually rejected but continues to re-emerge in various Congressional and USFS proposals.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2006**


**WASHINGTON DC AND VA**

In late winter, the Access Fund met with the Access Fund Regional Coordinator Thomas Ling and Friends of Great Falls to draft administrative comments for upcoming revisions to the NPS management policies which could fundamentally alter how climbing environments are managed and maintained in national parks.

**CA AND NV**

In the spring, the Access Fund visited southern California and Nevada and met with members of the Friends of Williamson Rock, San Diego Alliance of Climbers, Friends of Joshua Tree, and the Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council—all Access Fund Affiliated LCOs.

While in California, the Access Fund strategized with locals on how to work with the United States Forest Service to reopen the popular Southern California climbing area, Williamson Rock. The Access Fund also met with climbers and activists in San Diego and Joshua Tree to discuss current access concerns and how the Access Fund can best serve their needs.

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The Access Fund facilitated a meeting with members of the Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council (LVCLC) to discuss the Bureau of Land Management’s Wilderness Plan, specifically the local climbing community’s position on fixed anchors in the Wilderness. A consensus was agreed upon by all who attended which helped inform the final LVCLC proposal submitted on June 30th.

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In June, the Access Fund met with climbers in Pocatello, Ketchum and Boise advocating for public participation and a reasonable solution to address the absolute climbing ban on the Twin Sisters formation in City of Rocks National Reserve (CIRO). Meetings that were held with staff from the offices of the national Senators and Congressmen afforded the Access Fund an opportunity to advocate directly to key decision-makers.

CA
In late September, the Access Fund attended the 3rd Annual Yosemite Facelift Adopt-a-Crag. By connecting with climbers, encouraging participation and “walking our talk”, the Access Fund provided a grassroots push for the significance and importance of stewardship at our climbing areas. For the Yosemite Facelift, the Access Fund awarded Ken Yager and the Yosemite Climbers Association the REI Adopt-a-Crag of the Year Award and a $1,000 grant to help cover the cost of clean-up tools and materials.

GA, NC, TN, AND AL
In the fall, the Access Fund traveled from Georgia up to western North Carolina, across through Tennessee and south into Alabama. The Access Fund toured climbing areas with local activists to better understand access issues at each individual crag, conducted meetings with public land managers, regional and local climbing organizations including Eastern Tennessee Climbers Coalition and Access Fund Affiliated LCOs the Boone Climbers Coalition, Carolina Climbers Coalition and the Southeastern Climbers Coalition.

NATIONAL ACTIVIST CONFERENCE, CO
To kick off our increased commitment to acquisitions, the Access Fund hosted a 2-day climber-activists national conference focusing on preservation of access to private lands. The event united over 25 Access Fund regional coordinators and leaders of Affiliated Local Climbing Organizations from across the country to discuss strategies for preserving access, conserving the climbing environment and promoting effective outreach and advocacy at the grassroots level.
ADOPT-A-CRAG 2006

In 2006, 5,500 volunteers contributed an estimated 30,000 volunteer hours at 121 Adopt-a-Crag events in 33 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. Our combined efforts contributed an estimated $540,000.00* worth of volunteer time making 2006 the largest Adopt-a-Crag season ever.

Tony Holmes, event organizer for the 4th Annual Broughton’s Bluff Adopt-a-Crag, comments:

“Teaming up with Oregon State Parks has proven to be a symbiotic relationship. Utilizing the unique insight the Access Fund has on climber-sensitive issues, Oregon State Parks is able to not only support, but encourage rock climbing at this venue. The volunteer base the Adopt-a-Crag draws every year is another way much needed projects can get accomplished when land managers are faced with an ever-dwindling source of funds to our recreation areas.”

Adopt-a-Crag would not be possible without the generous support of its sponsors who also present the following awards for exemplary events:

The REI Adopt-a-Crag of the Year Award was presented to Ken Yager, the Yosemite Climbing Association, and all who participated in the 3rd Annual Yosemite Facelift. 5 days, 1,100 volunteers, over 9,200 volunteer hours, and over 25,000 pounds of trash collected in Yosemite National Park!

The GORE-TEX® Products Adopt-a-Crag Stewardship Award was presented to Cameron Cross, David Trevino, and the City of Fort Collins for the Piano Boulders Trail Day. Previously closed to climbing, this event marked the official opening of the area and shows the effectiveness of locals, land managers and the Access Fund working together to responsibly improve climbing access.

The CLIF Bar Adopt-a-Crag Conservation Award was awarded to Rick Bost and the East Tennessee Climbers Coalition for the 7th Annual Obed Adopt-a-Crag. Nearly 500 volunteers participated in trash removal, trail improvements, anchor replacement and many other projects at 5 different areas.

To learn more visit www.accessfund.org/adopt


BOULDERPROJECT 2006

The BoulderProject is an Access Fund initiative that communicates how climbers, the environment, and access are all connected.

A need for the BoulderProject arose from the growing trend of new climbers being introduced to the sport through indoor gyms and frontcountry bouldering areas without the direct mentorship and "environmental appreciation" that were key components of past generations. By enriching the sense of community, empowering climbers with knowledge and awareness, and encouraging climbers to proactively conserve their climbing environments, the BoulderProject guides the transition from indoors to outdoors.

2006 saw the relaunching of the new and improved boulderProject.org thanks to the financial and resource backing of Urban Climber Magazine. BoulderProject.org provides an online venue for new and young climbers to build a community around the ethos and resources of minimum impact climbing. By creating a profile, climbers can share their motivations for climbing and connect with others who also value and conserve our outdoor climbing areas. Among other tips and resources available on the site, we’ve introduced 6 low impact teaching activities for use by indoor youth programs and teams to teach environmentally responsible practices in an indoor setting alongside the physical skills of climbing.

In 2007 look for growth of the program and dissemination of the message and resources through climbing gyms across the country. The Access Fund will be at the National Climbing Wall Management Summit in April to show climbing gym personnel how to build the low impact teaching activities into the curriculum of their indoor youth programs. Utilizing various climbing media forums, participation at events, and collaboration with the outdoor industry, the BoulderProject will continue to gain recognition and support from today’s youth climbing culture.

To learn more visit www.boulderProject.org
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$10,000+

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In February 2007, the Access Fund traveled to Hueco Tanks for the annual Hueco Rock Rodeo to advocate the Access Fund’s position and strategy and meet with park staff regarding the current status of access and potential threats to climbing at Hueco Tanks.

News of a potential transfer of Hueco Tanks from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) surfaced in December 2006. In early February a letter from THC to the Access Fund stated that “Hueco Tanks had been removed from the list for transfer”. However, as the premiere cultural resource in the state, it is possible that this issue will resurface.

Additionally, there is a bill up for approval in the Texas Legislature which would provide a much needed increase of funding for Texas’ state and local parks (including Reimer’s Ranch).

During the visit to Hueco Tanks, the Access Fund met with Hueco Tanks Park Superintendent and Complex Manger to discuss strategy in support of TPWD’s management and offer the resources of the Access Fund to achieve the common interests of the park and climbers. The Access Fund circulated a petition at the Hueco Rock Rodeo to educate climbers on the issue and gain signatures from Texan residents supporting the management of Hueco by TPWD and the allocation of additional funding to Texas State Parks.

During the third week of March the Access Fund was back in Texas to conduct an Austin-based lobbying initiative that included Texas climbers and other allied interest groups in meeting with Texas legislators and public land agency officials to preserve the financial security of Texas State Parks and Hueco Tanks in particular.

Sign up for E-News at www.accessfund.org to stay up to date on this issue.

The Access Fund would like to thank all the contributing artists that donated work over the last 18 months.

Your work celebrates all forms of climbing and the climbing environment. You have made us look so good and inspired us all to get out and go climbing. Thank you!

Bennett Barthelemy
Andrew Burr
David Clifford
Jeremy Collins
Jonathan Copp
Eric Draper
John Evans
Andrew Kornylak
Keith Ladzinski
Emilie Lee
Randall Levensaler
Andrew Querner
Corey Rich
Celin Serbo
Harrison Shull
Brian Solano
Matt Stark
Mike Tea
Nathan Welton
We would like to welcome the following Regional Coordinators and Local Climbing organizations who joined the Access Fund Grassroots Network in 2006:

**Regional Coordinators**
- Ocean Eiler, Metro DC Area
- Paul Vidal, Red River Gorge, Kentucky
- Tom Donnelly, San Diego, California
- Jamie Fields, Northern Nevada
- Christopher Spatz, Catskill/Gunks, New York
- Will Cobb, Northern Arizona

**Affiliated Local Climbing Organizations**
- Access Colorado
- Adirondack Mountaineering Coalition, New York
- Climbing Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania
- Northeastern Vermont Climbers’ Alliance
- Concho Valley Climbers Association, Texas
- Roaring Fork Climbers Coalition, Colorado
- Friends of Williamson Rock, California

A big thank you from the American Climbing Community to those Regional Coordinators who retired in 2006!
- Tod Anderson, Jefferson Co Open Space, Colorado
- Aram Attarian, North Carolina
- Lance Brock, TN/AL/GA
- Kelly Brown, Obed River, Tennessee
- Kerry Cobb, North Arizona
- Jonathan Eells, San Bernardino, California
- Jeremy Ford, Delaware
- Heather Furman, Vermont
- Bob Harrington, East Side Sierra, California
- Chris Manzuk, San Diego, California
- Duane Martenson, Black Hills South Dakota
- Chris Moratz, Catskill/Gunks, New York
- Al Rubin, Western Massachusetts
- Shannon Stuart-Smith, Red River Gorge, Kentucky
- Lonny Whitcomb, Pennsylvania

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**Zack Pitts tackles a nearly horizontal 5.12-crack splitting a sandstone wall in the corridors of Sand Rock, AL | © Andrew Kornylak**
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**THIS MONTH’S FEATURED PARTNER**

Editor’s Note: Each edition we will highlight a partner that has gone above and beyond in keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

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