

an 11c rating to keep the less-than-serious from getting into trouble. Dan Osman made the second ascent, confirming the route's quality.

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*River Road Area.* During Jeff Lowe's honeymoon with Teri Ebel, they established a new route, a hard, wide crack 200 feet left of Artist's Tears, three miles up River Road from Moab. It ascends 30 feet of aid (climbed years ago by an unknown party) before launching off into two pitches of wide crack. *Acquired Taste* is rated II, 5.12a/b. Craig Luebben and Jeff Achey climbed *Sorcerers' Crossing* with two points of aid in April and then returned to make the first free ascent with Kennon Harvey. Jeff suggests the route may be the hardest wide-crack spire in the Canyonlands at 5.11+. The Sorcerer is located above Mile Marker 3 on the River Road. Jay Smith and his wife Jo have established several notable routes on the Wingate walls above the River Road. Above the bouldering area on the right just beyond Big Bend, they put up *Avalon* (5.10+). Above the top of the hill at Mile Marker 11, they climbed four routes: *Girly Man* (5.10+), on the Pleasure-Pain Wall, *Whips and Chains* (5.11), *S and M* (5.10+) and *Bring You Pleasure* (5.10+). With Paul Teare he did *Take the Pain* (5.10a).

ERIC BJØRNSTAD

*New Routes in Canyonlands National Park, Island in the Sky District, 1992-3.* I made the following new routes. In February, 1992, David Lindy and I climbed *Thracian Mare*, a curving seam on the narrow west face (III, 5.8, A3+); this is in Taylor Canyon next to Moses. In February, 1992, Mike Woods and I climbed *Sandcastle*, starting up the southwest side to the notch between the island and the spire before continuing up the northern prow (IV, 5.8, A3); located in Buck Canyon, it is the third spire in the Monster Tower Washer-woman Arch area. In April, 1993, Wood, Lindy and I climbed the *Cauldrons* via a crack system dividing the twin summits on the south face (II, 5.10, A1); this is located in Hell Roaring Canyon between the Witch and the Warlock. In May, 1993, Chris Sircello and I climbed the south face to the notch and then the north face to the top of *Outlaw Spire* (also known as Hardscrabble Spire; III, 5.10, A3); this is located at the top of Hardscrabble Hill.

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*Canyonlands National Park, Island in the Sky District.* In October, Jon Burnham and Bill Duncan climbed *Chortler's Joy* (II, 5.9, A1, 3 pitches) on Candlestick Spire by first the west and then the north face. Jim Bodenhamer and Al Torrisi made the first ascent of *Sandcastle* (III, 5.10, A2, 5 pitches) by the northwest face. This rises just west of Washer Woman Tower on the White Rim of the Island in the Sky. In July, Galen Howell, Sonja Paspal and Steve Swenke