lines. The middle line, *Controlled Burn* (WI4, 200'), was first climbed by Lane Johnson and John Runge sometime in the early '90s. The right line (WI3+, 200') also was climbed; very old slings were found at the top. On the north face of Edwards, Lane Johnson and John Runge climbed *A Six Pack and Nothing To Do* (WI3) in the massive 1,400-foot gully that splits the face. Soon after, Jim Earl and Chris Trimble climbed *Baby Semmler* (WI4+, 450'), just left of the main gully. Then in March, Johnson and Spangler climbed two difficult lines, producing *Spinal Tap* (5.7 WI5, 800') and *The Missing Tooth* (WI5 A2+, 450').

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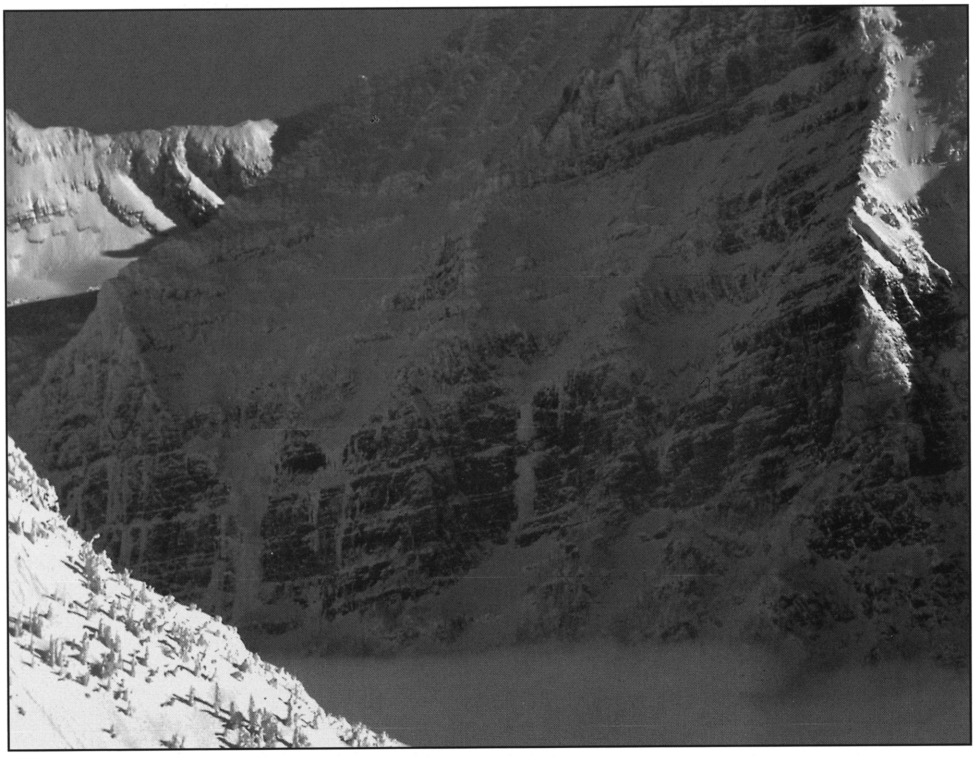
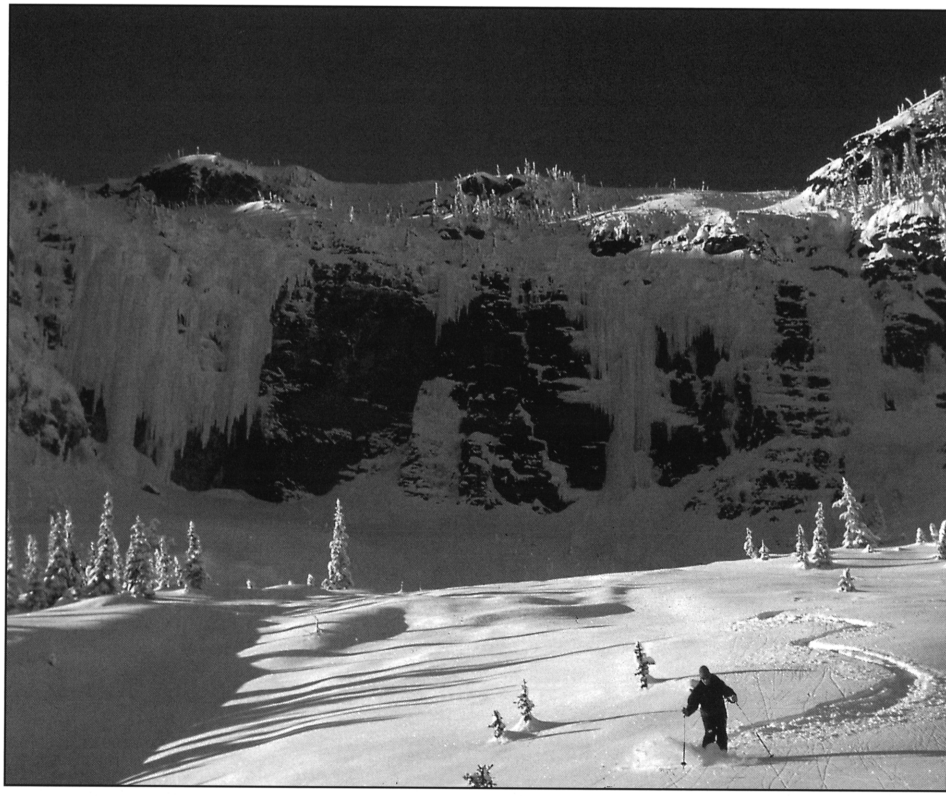
Glacier National Park, Various Ascents. El Niño gave northwest Montana the unusual mix of cold weather and little snow in November and December. As a result, most of the park roads were kept open, giving climbers easier access to several remote basins. The new route action began in the Avalanche Lake area. On November 15, I soloed a route called *Claire De Lune* (IV WI3, 300'). This climb is situated to the right of *The Pig*, and is approached via a tight ice-filled cleft which in itself sports about 300 feet of WI2-3. Soon afterward, Missoula climbers Jim Earl, Chris Trimble, and Rafael Graña climbed a route on the spectacular headwall to the left of *The Pig* and *Claire De Lune*: *Slog and Flog* (IV WI5, 150') is approached by the same ice-filled cleft. Trimble then teamed up with Kelly Cordes, also of Missoula, to produce another classic, *Staggering Corps* (IV WI5, 300'). This line is just left of *Slog and Flog*. The headwall that contains these two routes was named "Bubba's Moonshine Wall."

Still psyched for early season ice, Cordes and Graña returned to Avalanche Lake for another round. Setting their sights on one of the massive gullies on the west face of Bearhat Mountain, the two climbed about 1,000 feet of steep snow with intermittent ice. Their excit-





Ryan Hokanson skiing out after the first ascent of Brain Stem *(farthest left) on Mt. Brown.* MARK VENERY

ing finale included intermittent avalanches produced by a sudden storm that nearly ripped Graña off the last pitch while Cordes belayed from the shelter of some trees. *Wanda's Wicked Sister* (IV WI4, 1,000') is a steep slot with no obvious exits for its entire length. It fills with snow as the season progresses, and is not recommended.

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ALASKA

BROOKS RANGE

Arrigetch Peaks, Parabola Peak, Northeast Buttress. On August 4, Lara Karena Bitenieks and I flew into Circle Lake to commence a three-week rock climbing trip in the Arrigetch peaks of the Brooks Range. After a two-day approach, we established a base camp at the head of the south fork of Arrigetch Creek at the foot of the Maidens. We chose a line on Parabola Peak (one mile due west of Point 6320' on Survey Pass (B3) Quadrangle), as it was consistently drier than the shaded north-facing Maidens. Over the next 12 days, we had just one climbing day, due to incessant fog and drizzle. Tent time was interrupted by wanderings, during which we explored the magical valleys and rock formations around us and discovered many beautiful boulder problems. Finally, on August 18, it was clear and cold. We departed camp either