

tion on the slope or consequences of a slip. (Source: Garth Lemke, Public Safety Warden Jasper National Park of Canada)

(Editor's Note: This individual was obviously not a climber. We include a few reports like this in hopes that neophytes will take heed.)

FALL ON ROCK, RAPPEL ERROR—PROTECTION PULLED OUT

British Columbia, Purcell Mountains, Eastpost Spire

On July 18, Dave Ireland (51) and Peter Uzieblo were about two pitches up Lions Way (5.6, six pitches) on Eastpost Spire. One dropped his digital camera, and so they were rappelling to retrieve it. Uzieblo did a mix of down-climbing and rappelling in order to lessen the weight on the rope. He then yelled up to Dave Ireland not to pull out on the anchor, only down. Unfortunately, the anchor failed Dave Ireland about a full rope length (60 meters) to the boulder field below, resulting in fatal injuries. In meeting with the Invermere, B.C., Coroner the day following this tragic accident, she advised that D.I. died instantly of a broken neck.

Peter Uzieblo is an accomplished and experienced climber. Dave Ireland was a novice with top-rope experience in Devil's Lake State Park (WI), but he could easily follow on 5.8 routes. He was a much respected and valued member of the Chicago Mountaineering Club. (Source: Edwina Podenski, Canadian ANAM editor and Paul Szymanski, friend of the deceased)

STRANDED—LEG STUCK IN CRACK

British Columbia, Purcell Mountains, Bugaboo Spire, Kain Route

On July 25, a male climber in his early 40s was climbing the Kain Route of the Bugaboo Spire (5.6) when his leg got stuck in a crack. Two Canadian Mountain Holiday (CMH) guides in the area initially climbed to the trapped man to make sure he was safe and secure. Banff rescuers Marc Ledwidge and Gord Irwin were slung to the scene by helicopter and were able to free the man after more than half an hour of tricky maneuvering. They brought kitchen oil from the CMH Lodge to lubricate the man's leg. "We put a rope raising system on him and tensioned him up, trying to figure out which way to move him to get his knee unstuck," said Ledwidge. "So with the combination of the tension system and just trying to move him back and forth a little bit, and the oil, we eventually got him free." (Source: Cathy Ellis, *Rocky Mountain Outlook*)

CORNICE FAILURE, AVALANCHE—DISREGARDED INFORMATION REGARDING SNOWPACK HISTORY, WEATHER

British Columbia, Mount Robson Provincial Park, Mount Robson, North Face

On July 28, a European mountain guide and a very experienced climber (38 and 49) left the Kinney Lake campground to ascend the Dog Buttress