

and southwest spurs of the peak. We continued diagonally right up the wall to a roomy platform and diagonally left on the second lead to a steep dihedral with a large flake. We climbed the flake until we could exit right to a ledge and the spur crest. The third lead followed the spur crest to its junction with the west ridge. The fourth and fifth leads continued along the west ridge to the base of the summit tower. We climbed a chimney on the south face to ledges and thence to the summit. NCCS III, F9.

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*Big Baron Spire, Sawtooth Mountains.* Dave Davis and I did the first ascent of the east face of this striking peak. The climb begins directly below the imposing summit capstone in a chimney/crack system. It is five pitches long with the crux a large roof that we passed on its right side. NCCS III, F9.

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## Montana

*Ross Peak, Northeast Face Direct, Bridger Range.* On June 28 Gary Skaar, Kurt Martinsen and I packed via the middle fork of Brackett Creek to this relatively unknown face, which is hidden by a lateral moraine. In the afternoon we climbed two short and one long free pitches and bivouacked 250 feet up. The next morning Gary led an A4 aid pitch up an arching crack on which I had taken a zipper the day before. At the top of this pitch we were forced off by rain and snowfall. We scrambled up 100 feet and traversed ledges to a snow couloir, which we then descended. On August 19 Skaar and I returned, ascended our previous descent route to where we could belay down to our last belay on the ascent route. The next lead went up a dihedral and was followed by two easier pitches. A lead of difficult mixed climbing had two aid placements and the most demanding free climbing of the route. One more easy rope-length took us to the top. NCCS IV, F9, A4.

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*Beehive Mountain, South Face, Spanish Peaks.* On October 18 Craig Zaspel and I packed into the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area from the Big Sky Ski Resort. We approached the peak via Beehive Basin, which led us directly to the base of the rock. Our route started near the center of the face, just left of an obvious dihedral-chimney. The crux was the third pitch where we climbed two overhangs free. The angle then lessened and gave easier climbing to the summit. Six pitches. NCCS III, F9.

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