

We turned back at about the same point as Steve Hackett and Barry Kircher in 1971, with perhaps two-thirds of the tower below us. Both of the other two had been hit by rockfall but were not seriously injured. Beckey called the decomposed granite the "worst rock I have been on in 20 years." We did climb to two summits, possibly the first ones reached in this remote range. They lie just west and south of the Tusk.

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*Chigmit Mountains.* Flying by float-plane to Chakachamna Lake on August 10 gave Mark Moderow, Margit Breski, my wife Rowi and me breath-taking views of the previously unexplored peaks of the northern Chigmit Range. Rain and alders spiced our approach to the glacier on the southeast corner of the lake. After climbing wet granite slabs and moraine, we were at 61° 10' North and 152° 20' West on the glacier. Our first day found us traversing a gray spire, P 5550, in clouds and mist. We climbed one pitch of F7 mossy rock to the summit. The descent was down a long glacier to the south. Margit walked into the one exposed crevasse in the area, all of five feet deep! Other days were spent doing short ice climbs, waiting in the rain and trekking to the upper snowfields of our glacier. We explored to the east and climbed P 4356 on August 16. The area is beautiful but rotten rock limits technical climbing. We flew from the lake to Anchorage on August 17.

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*Lindita Peak, Chugach Mountains.* Jon Fisher and I organized this trip to the head of the Tazlina Glacier. The whole party, Gary Benninger, Gregory Bramlet, Fisher, Halford Joiner, Tom Lamb, Bill Plock, Dr. Randall Travis and I, made the third ascent of "Mount Freuchen" (6965 feet) on June 29. On July 1, the first ascent was made of Lindita Peak (7910 feet) (Valdez B7 Quadrangle) on the divide between the Tazlina and the East Branch of the Columbia Glaciers. The route was the northeast face, the north-facing knife-edged ridge, and along the corniced and humpy ridge to the small snow summit. Hal Joiner led the climb for Doc Travis, Tom Lamb, and me. On the descent, we were carried down the last 200 yards by a wet snow avalanche. Lindita Peak is the highest peak that can be seen at the head of the Tazlina Glacier from the Glenn Highway near the Tazlina Glacier Lodge.

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*Marcus Baker.* A three-man Japanese party led by Koichi Okuda flew to the Matanuska Glacier on July 29, 1976 and placed Base Camp at 7500 feet on the glacier on the 31st. Their original objective, the north ridge was abandoned because of falling ice. They climbed the glacier