

1979 by George Montopoli and Keith Hadley. Six pitches were involved, but the first lead of 150 feet proved the most difficult, at least F9 in a three- to four-inch crack. (NCCS III, F9.)

*Prospector's Mountain, North Face, Yellow Jaundice.* In June of 1977 Mike Munger and Kent Lugbill made a new route to the left (east) of the Raven Crack and to the right of yellow streaks in the rock wall. This climb of seven leads begins with a mixture of bushes, trees, and easy climbing to the tree which marks the beginning of the more difficult climbing. (III, F8.)

*Peak 10,552, Death Canyon.* The past four summers have seen considerable activity on the very steep walls in the vicinity of the Snaz, the original 1964 route by Chouinard and Hempel. To the right (east) of the Snaz is the *Fallen Angel* (IV, F10), a very prominent arête when viewed from the Sentinel Turret. This route, climbed by Yvon Chouinard and Mike Munger on July 18, 1978, is a consistently difficult climb, with the first seven leads all F9 and F10; only the two final pitches reach F7 and F6. A second route, not recommended by its climbers, is *Shattered* (IV, F10), located 50 to 100 feet to the right of the Snaz. First climbed by Jim Beyer and Buck Tilley, the first three pitches are strenuous (the third is F10 up a hand crack) with the remaining five on easy and very loose rock, finishing with a diagonal to the right on an easy ramp. Said to be one of the finest routes in Death Canyon is *High Tension Eliminate* (IV, F10), first ascended by Jim Beyer and Buck Tilley in July, 1979. The route stays left of the Snaz. The fourth lead is up the second crack to the left of the Snaz and is followed by an F10 overhang. Although an escape to the Snaz can be made at the end of this lead, the route continues upward and slightly left for two additional F10 leads, including a poorly protected face. The route finishes with 200 feet of easier rock to scrambling ledges.

To the left of these routes lies a complex sequence of at least four routes or variations. All, with the exception of the last, start from the same general area about 100 to 150 feet to the left of the Snaz in a very prominent chimney system, called Lot's Slot and containing broken and rotten rock. The first route (from right to left) is *Cottonmouth* (IV, F10), first climbed on July 25, 1978, by Mike Munger and Buck Tilley. After one pitch up Lot's Slot, the route angles off on a face to the right of the chimney. A total of seven leads are involved, crossing two black rock bands and up a large white dihedral. It is an excellent route with consistent difficulty. *Lot's Slot* (IV, F10) itself was first climbed on July 16, 1978 by the same pair. Consisting of nine leads roughly straight up the chimney system with two or three being very good, hard pitches, it contains some rotten rock, but the first-ascent party did try to clean it out. The third route, *Vas Deferens* (IV, F9) contains very spectacular climbing. The first ascent was made on July 18, 1978 by Buck Tilley and Jim Beyer, taking off to the left from the top of the second pitch