

*Homer's Nose, Where Eagles Dare.* In July 1981 Patrick Paul and I completed another four-pitch route on the southwest face. This route lies a couple of hundred yards west (left) of the original south-face route (The Dance of Topo-Usha 1980). It follows an obvious crack-and-flake system just left of a long, awesome right-facing dihedral. The crack on the first pitch is formed by a 200-foot extremely expanding flake (hence the name). 3 bolts. (Grade III, 5.9, AI.)

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*Middle Fork, Tule River Area.* In the winter of 1980-81, Patrick Paul, Gary Kunkel, Randy Powers and I made the first ascent of the "Powerhouse Wall", just south of the powerhouse on the Wishon Fork of the Middle Fork of the Tule River, east of Springville. We followed the obvious central line for four pitches under many ceilings and eventually through the summit overhangs. 3 bolts. (Grade III-IV, 5.10, A4.) In November 1980, Patrick Paul and I completed the first ascent of the "Sky Garden Wall", a 700-foot cliff on the north side of the Middle Fork of the Tule River, just east of Springville. We climbed a continuous crack system for six pitches just right of the center of the wall.

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*Jordan Peak Area.* In late spring 1981, Eddie Joe and I discovered and climbed the first routes on a triple rock formation on the south side of Jordan Peak, just north of Camp Nelson. In the following month, Eddie, Randy Jewitt, Patrick Paul, Gary Kunkel, Debbie Winney and I put up 12 new one- to two-pitch routes from 5.8 to 5.10+. We called this rock formation "Trilogy" and the major buttress/tower on the southeast side "Aerie Pinnacle."

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*Bear Creek Spire, Complete East Ridge.* From the air, this long knife-edged arête is one of the most spectacular features in the entire range. In August John Martinek and I spent a very long day on this 22-pitch route with an overall rating of Grade IV, 5.8. The climb is not mentioned in early editions of *The Climber's Guide to the High Sierra*, but is listed as "enjoyable and lengthy . . . moderate class 5 . . . first ascent unknown" in the 1976 edition. A little investigation showed that the source of this listing was someone who thought that someone else knew someone who had climbed it. I talked to one of these "someones" who had it on his own list of new routes to do! In retrospect, the guidebook entry was entirely accurate: the route was lengthy, enjoyable, fifth class, and the first ascent was indeed unknown.

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