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Mount Elbrus, Lower Dongasorun, North Face Ascent and Descent by Snowboard. In mid-May our Russian guide Misha (who was along as much for his mastery of the language as his knowledge of Elbrus), Wade McKay, and I made an ascent of Lower Dongasorun's north face via a new route which I snowboarded. The ascent and descent involved mostly steep snow climbing with a couple of icy sections and a rock pitch (V) to complete the ascent. It was very warm and every turn cut loose snow down the face and couloirs.

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Bezingi Wall Traverse Attempt. José Bermúdez and Neil Wilson attempted to make an alpine-style traverse of the committing 15 kilometer Bezingi Wall from Shkara (5200 meters) to Lyalver during August 1994. On the seventh day they retreated down the northeast rib of Jangi Tau East (5030 meters) due to a combination of bad weather and snow blindness (after a pair of sunglasses was dropped on the fourth day). This was the first point from which descent was possible.

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Bezingi Wall. José Bermúdez and Mark Gray made an alpine-style traverse of the ridge from Dykh-Tau (5198 meters) to Mishirgi East (4918 meters) between July 28 and August 5, crossing summits of Dykh-Tau (5198 meters), Pik Pushkin (5100 meters), Baravikova (4800 meters), Mishirgi West (5025 meters) and Mishirgi East (4198 meters). They were not able to complete the traverse to Koshtan-Tau (5150 meters).

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Pik Troglav, Slovene Route. Tomas Jakofcic, Peter Meznar and Blaz Stres climbed the Slovene Route (ED VI 80°), a 1000-meter route on the north face of a subsidiary summit (5200 meters) of Pik Troglav. The lower part of the route followed a prominent ice gully and the upper part followed the rocky ridge. The ascent was made in 15 and one-half hours, alpine-style.

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