

pitches lead to the summit of Temple Crag.

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*Temple Crag, East Face of North Peak, Mediatrix, Previously Unreported.* Heather Baer-Schneider and I climbed *Mediatrix* (IV 5.8, 2,500'), which takes a straight line up the center of the face as seen from Second Lake. Begin climbing left of *26th Of July Arête* and gain the gully. Easy solid climbing leads up for six pitches to the base of the upper east face of the north peak. Continue straight up a slightly left-leaning crack system for six more pitches to the top of the north peak. Fourth class takes one to the top of Temple Crag.

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*Aiguille Extra, South Face, Previously Unreported.* Peter Noebels and I climbed the South Face (IV 5.10c, 1,400') of Aiguille Extra in July, 1993. This route is a beautiful climb with excellent crack climbing and clean rock. The climb begins on a ramp right of the snow chute. It ascends crack systems just left of a large diagonal overhang. Climb the ramp and ledges to the base of a right-facing book.

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*Ruby Wall, Don't Take Your Love To Town, Previously Unreported.* *Don't Take Your Love To Town* (IV 5.10, 1,200') is the most direct route to the top of the Ruby Wall. It climbs between the *Rowell Arête* and *Wide Sargasso Sea*. Charles Byrne and I made the first ascent in August, 1997. Begin on a ramp that leads to a gully between those two routes. Before entering the gully, climb straight up on discontinuous flakes to a broad ledge. Climb a wide crack from the center of the ledge (5.10). Leave the crack and follow flakes right past a small overhang to a nice small ledge. Ignore the flaring overhang above you and traverse right to another ledge with a detached pillar on it. Climb the pillar and step off it (5.10) and ascend cracks and dihedrals around the corner. The summit dihedral is above you. Remain on the arête left of the dihedral until able to traverse left to a ledge. A gold wall (easily visible from the ground) split by cracks is above. Climb the hand-sized crack for a full pitch (5.10) to easier ground below the summit.

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*Mt. Dade, North Pillar, Previously Unreported.* Paul Linaweaver, Ron McTarque and I climbed the *North Pillar* (IV 5.10, 1,200') of Mt. Dade in September, 1995. The route ascends directly up the north pillar. It is unclear if ours was the first ascent, as this is a very prominent feature in one of the Sierra's most-visited valleys.

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*Mt. Morrison, South Ridge of South Peak, Previously Unreported.* Kirk Schultz and I climbed the South Ridge (IV 5.9+, eight roped pitches in 2,000' of climbing) of South Peak of Mt. Morrison in November, 1995. Not much needs to be said about the rock quality on this route; however, it is a thrilling and exposed climb. Climb a dike at the base of the east face to gain a large ledge 100 feet off the ground. From the ledge, scramble about 800 feet