

allowed us to run out rope-stretching pitches. One notable pitch had us contemplating retreat, but we got lucky. An overhanging flared seam, more akin to a pitch on the Squamish Chief than in the Black, succumbed to an improbable lieback sequence and became the second crux of the route. The hard climbing ended at the upper meadow, where we traversed left to join the last pitches of Astrodog. Thanks to Ralph Burns for saving our arses and driving us back to the North Rim.

We abandoned the bolt kit with our packs at the bottom of the route, through laziness rather than ethics, and got lucky. However, if you're planning on trying one of the other unclimbed lines in the vicinity, you'll probably be psyched to bring the kit along.

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*South Chasm View Wall, Goldberg Special, Shadowboxing.* During two days in October Heidi Wirtz and I free climbed the lower part of the Goldberg Special on South Chasm View Wall, joining Astrodog for the upper pitches. The crux A3 aid pitch went free at around 5.13- and required triples of the .00 TCU. It's likely the first 5.13 in this adventurous canyon. A few weeks later I returned with Jared Ogden and added a direct finish to the upper pitches of a mysterious aid route. After replacing a couple of 1/4-inch bolts, we climbed the 12-pitch line we call Shadowboxing, starting with the Goldberg Special crux and ending with a 5.12 direct finish that entails huge fall potential in 5.10 and 5.11 terrain.

TOPHER DONAHUE

*Stay Puft Buttress.* The Stay Puft Buttress (1,700' V 5.10 A1) was established by Josh Borof and Paul Emrick on June 19, in scorching hot weather. The route starts on top of the huge boulder about 400 feet from the river in the S.F.O.B. Gully and ascends the first buttress downstream of the South Chasm View Wall. The lower portion features shade, nice cracks, and a 50-foot runoff 5.7 slab off the belay. Higher, the route swings onto the sunny west face and involves a 15-foot section of dirty A1. Cleaned it should go at mid-5.12. The main theme of the route is mossy 5.10 offwidths, so stay puft.

JOSH BOROF

## Wyoming

### GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

*Mount Owen, North Face.* On August 15 Tobey Carmen, Eric Draper, and I climbed a probable new route (IV/V 5.9) on the north face of Mt. Owen. We began climbing a hundred feet or so to the west of the lowest point of rock on the north face. We belayed about ten pitches of 5.9 and easier climbing, through mostly clean and enjoyable rock, from the ground to the point where we joined the established North Ridge Route and continued to the summit. It took us roughly 20 hours to complete the ascent and descent, car to car.

NATHAN BROWN