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The Watchman, Cradle to Grave. In May Dave Jones and I climbed a new 10-pitch route on the northwest face of The Watchman. Our route, Cradle to Grave (V 5.11a C2), starts about 150' left of Hue & Cry. We started in a dark, somewhat hidden, left-facing corner. Chimneys and offwidths on great rock led to a squeeze section so tight that I had to remove my gear, including my harness, to get through. Higher, Dave led a short section of aid to the base of a beautiful crack with face holds. We followed this crack to the summit and a great top-out. Decent to the southwest took about an hour and a half and included three rappels.

BRIAN SMOOT

Colorado

Rocky Mountain National Park, summary. The RMNP summer alpine season was limited by exceptionally wet weather for Colorado. Although Tommy Caldwell and Topher Donahue made a first free ascent, at 5.13-, of Bilge (previously 5.8 A3) on the Ship's Prow at 12,000', perhaps the only long new route established in 2004 was a springtime mixed route.

Steve Su and Edward Corder climbed what seems to be a new line up the next cleft/chimney system to the right of Womb With a View, on Cathedral Wall. The line, fairly obvious though rarely forming on the sunny wall, offers over 800' of mostly mixed climbing, with a surprising "holy shit, Batman" passage behind a huge chockstone. The route, Tunnel Vision (M4+ WI4+), ends on a plateau with a walk-off descent. Su, Corder, and Andy Johnson were also active in scrapping together various ephemeral 1,000' ice and mixed lines near the gash splitting the south face of Dragon's Tail.

Unreported from 2003, Donahue and Scott Gillespie climbed a long-overlooked line, a striking crack just right of Hallet's Chimney, but left of the Love Route, on Hallet Peak's 1,000' north face. Bold is Love (5.10-) ascends perfect rock, albeit with the minimal protection typical of the face, and finishes in a large dihedral.

BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK

Hallucinogen Wall, dry-tool free ascent. In May Ryan Nelson and Jared Ogden made a hybrid free-aid ascent of the daunting Hallucinogen Wall (VI 5.10 A3+). Ogden and others had attempted to free the route previously (AAJ 2004, p. 180) but without success. Nelson and Ogden worked the route over several weeks, eventually climbing everything free except for the most desperate portions of pitch 13, where they employed controversial tactics by using ice tools to hook thin features on the dry rock. They made a variation to avoid the pendulum on pitch five but otherwise climbed the original line. Nelson and Ogden's ascent included regular (free) rock climbing up to 5.13-R; the dry-tooling section was rated D10+. See Ogden's feature article earlier in this Journal.