

down the face, exhausted, I took off my pack (with \$1,000 worth of climbing gear) and managed to forget it. Too beat to climb back up, we got back to camp at 3 a.m. We walked out the next day, naming the route You Gotta Want It (IV 5.11). Three months later, Deshler and I returned on a recovery mission. On September 13 we climbed a route (8 pitches, 5.10R) to the left of YGWI. It ties into YGWI at its 10th pitch, and we retrieved the pack. It was spitting sleet and snow the whole day, then began to rain; then a double rainbow came out just at dusk, prompting us to name the route Alexander's Band.

MARK JENKINS, AAC

East Fork Valley, various routes. The north-south ridge between Ambush and Raid contains a lot of rock. A long, attractive east-facing slab two buttresses north of M Buttress, two buttresses south of Raid, lured us in. On August 28 Felix Hörmann and I started at the lowest toe of the slab, near two vertical brown dots on the granite, and 4th-classed up and right to a two-bolt ledge. (We bolted belays while rapping the route, with other bolts drilled on lead.) Son of Raid (1,150', III 5.10) climbs interesting features more or less straight up for seven pitches. Two 60m ropes allow a quick rappel descent. We placed two cairns up top, at the ridgeline, to facilitate finding the raps for climbers descending from Raid, which is otherwise long and involved.



The East Fork Valley, with Son of Raid (marked) and the obvious M Buttress of the left. James Garrett

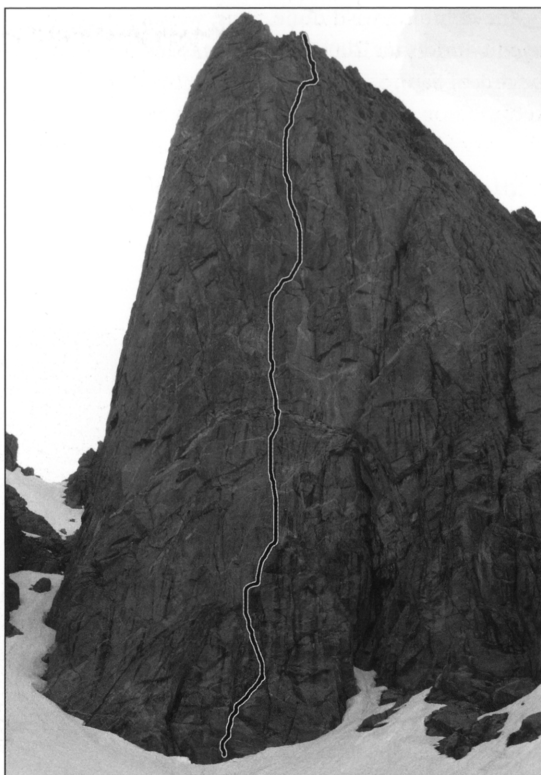
In the same valley, back on July 23, 2006, Franziska Garrett and I climbed 10 pitches (1,300', III 5.9) on the east face of Ambush, starting at the lowest part of the face and ending directly below the huge roof, where difficulties drastically change. We called it Ambush Plaisir; *plaisir* is a Swiss word meaning pleasurable and casual at the same time. With belay/rappel stations installed, this makes for a low-commitment Winds outing. A week later we established Triple Shot (9 pitches, 1,500', IV 5.7+), which traverses three gendarmes to the top of Ambush. A huge dike forms the letter M at the lower part of an east-facing wall/arête that's really its own mountain, north of the north summit of Ambush. We started climbing at the far left lower side of the M and followed the beautiful left-facing dihedral, and then the arête, to the top of the first tower, which is part of a huge ridge leading to the top of the mountain.

JAMES GARRETT, AAC

Watchtower, Hay Fever. In mid-July 2008 Dave Stewart and I climbed what we believe to be a new route on the east face of Watchtower. We started from camp in the Cirque and approached up the broad scree directly below the formation. Our route takes nondescript rock left of the

East Gully route, near the toe of the face. After three pitches of run-out 5.10, we traversed hard right to the huge left-facing dihedral that is the most prominent feature on the face. We followed the dihedral for two pitches, at 5.11 A0, until it ends at a large roof where we found an old pin [Joe Kelsey, author of *Climbing and Hiking in the Wind River Mountains*, adds that a fixed pin or stopper high on a route seems to be an essential ingredient of new routes in the Winds, where many routes and significant attempts have gone unrecorded—Ed.] From here we downclimbed, traversed right, and then back up to a large grassy ledge 30' above the roof. One pitch of low-end 5.10 and another 400' of simul-climbing got us to the summit. We pulled on gear on two pitches to get around vegetation in the big dihedral, but these should go free at 5.11. People have climbed on this face before, but we found no record of previous ascents near where we climbed. Hay Fever (5.11 A0, with 5.10R).

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The east face of the Watchtower, showing the probable new route Hay Fever. Other routes known on the formation: South Buttress (Raymond-Robbins, 1964; farther left, not clearly visible; FFA Copp-Merriam, 1997) and East Gully (the nasty gully right of H.F., first descended after climbing a route on the gully's right edge, by Bollinger-Oreear-Yodh, 1953). Ben Rosenberg

Temple Peak, Last Go Round. On September 12 Ty Mack, Mike Anderson, and I made the first ascent of Last Go Round, on the northwest buttress of Temple Peak. The route takes a pronounced splitter crack on the far left side of the buttress. I had attempted the route in the fall of 2006 with Todd Skinner, but we were turned back by a very hard last pitch. This time I stacked the odds in my favor by taking two of the best climbers I know. The day was cloudy and windy, and the warmest we were all day was on the glacier approach.

The climb was a team-free ascent, with Mike and Ty climbing well on hard terrain. The crack varies little in width: mostly thin hands and hands for the first four pitches. We climbed most of the route in down jackets. By the time we got to the last pitch, none of us was ready to pull hard. The pitch, a left-leaning seam feature, looked to need bolts and considerable scrubbing, so we opted for a 5.10 face traverse left to an alcove. Ty then led a steep dihedral to the top of the buttress.

We rappelled the route from the buttress crest, judging that continuing to the summit would be superfluous—an ascent of a 4th-class rubble gully that would only taint the quality