

eastern Spectacle Lake, told him what had happened and was then accompanied to the Lawn Lake trailhead by Irwin, where the incident was reported to rangers. Following a storm, evacuation was completed the next day. (Source: Larry Van Slyke, Rocky Mountain National Park)

Analysis

According to Cunningham, Berman may have been somewhat intimidated by the exposure near the top of the route and may have leaned into the snowbank causing his step to break out under his weight. (Source: Larry Van Slyke, Rocky Mountain National Park)

FALL ON SNOW, INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT

Colorado, McHenry's Peak

Tom Hillmer (19) and brother Tim Hillmer had climbed the Stone Man Pass route for the summit of McHenry's Peak on August 21. As they were traversing a snowfield, Tom slipped on the snow and slid to the bottom of the snowfield. He sustained fractures to both arms and splintered the patella of one leg. Tim made Tom comfortable, then descended from the peak for help. At Black Lake, Tim met Charles Rense and Bill Carvella. Carvella hiked out to Bear Lake to report the incident while Rense and Tim returned to the location of Tom to await rescue personnel. (Source: Larry Van Slyke, Rocky Mountain National Park)

Analysis

It is not known if Hillmer had an ice axe in his hands at the time of his fall. During the late summer months, many of the high altitude snowfields become "ice" hard. Travel on those snowfields dictates the judicious use of axe, and crampons at times, to protect against unwanted, high speed rides down the snow slopes. (Source: Larry Van Slyke, Rocky Mountain National Park)

FALL ON SNOW AND ICE, CLIMBING UNROPED, NO HARD HAT

Colorado, Longs Peak

On September 16, Brant Kauth called the dispatch office from Longs Ranger Station and reported that his climbing partner, Harvy Schneider (22) had been involved in a climbing accident on the east face of Long Peak. Kauth indicated that Schneider was in serious condition with head injuries and was not conscious. St. Anthony's Flight for Life helicopter was put on standby. Rangers Larry Van Slyke and Dan Davis were notified. Davis went to the Longs Peak Ranger Station to interview Schneider's climbing companion and meet with members of the Rocky Mountain Rescue group, who were responding. It was said that Schneider lost his footing on the Lambslide at the junction of Broadway and the Lambslide and fell 800 feet to his death. (Source: Dan Davis, Rocky Mountain National Park)