



AAC Publications

Camp Bird Road, various ascents

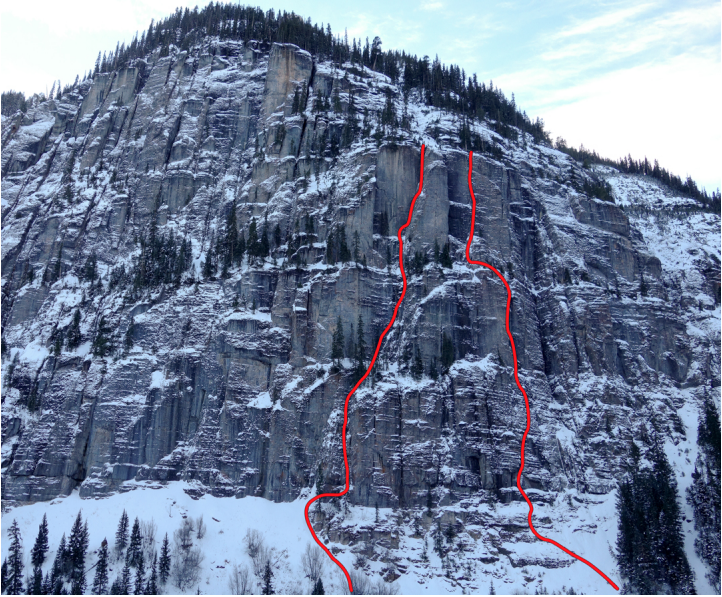
Colorado, San Juan Mountains

The Camp Bird Road area above Ouray, famous for climbs such as the Ribbon, Bird Brain Boulevard, Talisman, and countless others, has seen a recent burgeoning of bold new mixed climbs. In January 2011, Steve House and Hayden Kennedy established Desperado (800', III M6 R/X), which begins in a prominent orange cleft left of the Ribbon and climbs four long pitches of thin ice and steep, runout rock. House and Kennedy partnered again in January 2012, establishing an additional climb on the Ribbon Buttress, the House-Kennedy Chimney (800', III M6 R), which tackles a steep wall approximately halfway between Bird Brain Boulevard and Racing Stripes, via overhangs and a prominent right-facing corner on the final pitch.

Three more new routes were climbed in December 2012. Bryan Gilmore and Jim Turner established Dirty Minds (800', III 5.9 M6 R), just left of the House-Kennedy Chimney. Dirty Minds ascends obvious corners, trending right toward a left-facing corner on a large pillar high on the wall. Phil Wortman and Erik Wellborn established Tasty Talks (1,400', 5.8 M5 R) on a large buttress downriver from the Ribbon, above and left of Fall Creek. And, lastly, Noah McKelvin and Jason Maki established Wake Up Call (900', IV M5+ R), which follows a major chimney system two buttresses downriver from the Ribbon.

Erik Rieger, from information provided by Hayden Kennedy and MountainProject.com

Images



Dirty Minds (left) and the House-Kennedy Chimney (right). These two routes, like the other new routes established on Camp Bird Road, ascend mostly pure rock.



House leading on Pitch 2 of the House-Kennedy Chimney.



Kennedy leading a wide crack on the House-Kennedy Chimney.



Kennedy leading on Pitch 4 of the House-Kennedy Chimney.



The new route Tasty Talks, downriver from the Ribbon.



Wake Up Call ascends the major weakness on the left side of the butte.

Article Details

Author	Erik Rieger, from information provided by Hayden Kennedy and MountainProject.com
Publication	AAJ
Volume	55
Issue	87
Page	140
Copyright Date	2013
Article Type	Climbs and expeditions