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Fall on Rock, Cam Pulled Out

Colorado, Staunton State Park

On September 29 a male fell while leading an unnamed route on Elk Creek Spires, on the north side of the park. His top piece of protection, a camming device, pulled out. He lost consciousness in the fall and suffered a fractured arm. Evacuation required the use of a helicopter. (Source: Mountainproject.com.)

Analysis

Cams pulling out under load—whether because of poor placement or poor rock— are frequently cited in our reports. Expert instruction is essential for proper use of cams. If there's any doubt about a piece's security, back it up if possible. (Source: Aram Attarian.)

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