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Elephant's Perch, Boomer's Story

Idaho, Sawtooth Range

On the last weekend in June I met up with Ian Cavanaugh and Peter Hekan to take care of some unfinished business at the Elephant's Perch. It was my third trip in twice as many years, and we finally managed to free-climb Boomer's Story (V 5.13-). Big thanks to Brad Heller and Jason Klophaus for their support on previous attempts.

Boomer's Story is located between the Beckey and Mountaineer's routes, and features the typically awesome rock quality and crack climbing found up at the Perch. The pitches stack up like so: 5.8, 5.13-, 5.11, 5.12-, 5.11-, 5.10-, 5.9, 5.8, 5.7, 5.7. The first five pitches have the best rock and most engaging climbing, and the second-pitch crux requires pretty sustained and techy stemming technique that almost exploded my thighs and calves. It's the kind of corner that makes the angels sing in harmony.

We free-climbed the route from the ground up, after aiding the crux pitch first to rehearse it on top-rope. Amazingly, it required hardly any cleaning. We left two pitons to protect the tricky opening moves, but I imagine they could be removed easily if someone were to actually fall on them.

– Ari Menitove

A person wearing a red shirt, orange helmet, and climbing gear is ascending a steep, textured rock face. The climber is positioned in the lower half of the frame, reaching upwards. The background shows a steep, rocky cliffside with sparse vegetation and a few trees.

Start by tracing down + left ~700' on rocky ledges
 + across R facing corner system. Then climb corner.
 w see more fast on (S4° S.B) climbing + the top

X P6 - S19° S10° up and R ~280' via calc gneiss
 with occasional bulges below + tree
 on right side of large ledge

BOOMERS STORY 512° 13"

FA : ?

FPA L/P414	A HERRING
	TO CANNANATH
	P HERMAN

RACK : 1 GET STORIES EXTRA
 ~4-5 APPROXIMATE SELECTION
 TO BRASS

2-3x cans ting to green
 cannot

2x red yellow cannot

1x blue #4 cannot

13-15 x slings, QD's

70m Aye

X CAN RAP NOTE W/ SINGLE
 70m ROPE FROM TOP P4,
 MAYBE EVEN TAP P Ⓢ

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