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Denali, Southwest Face, Denali Diamond, First All-Female Ascent

Alaska, Central Alaska Range

From June 15–19, Chantel Astorga and Jewell Lund completed the Denali Diamond (7,800', WI5+ 5.9 A3 or M6 A1/ M7) on the southwest face of Denali. This was the seventh reported ascent of the route and the first time it had been climbed by an all-female team. Mark Westman, Denali National Park mountaineering ranger, noted that, "Without question, Jewell and Chantel's ascent is, by far, the most significant done by an all-female team in the Alaska Range."

For information on other significant repeats, new routes or variations, and climbing statistics in Denali National Park during the 2015 season, see the "2015 Annual Mountaineering Summary" at <http://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/ams2015.htm>.

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