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A Peak and Blackwell Glacier Area, New Ice and Mixed Routes

Montana, Cabinet Mountains

In February and March, Scott Coldiron and partners climbed two long new routes in the Cabinet Mountains. On February 22, Coldiron and Christian Thompson climbed Blackwell Falls (900', WI5 M4), a mostly ice route below the northeast side of A Peak (8,634'), fed by the Blackwell Glacier. They descended the route. On March 7, Beu Carrilo, Coldiron, Benjamin Erdmann, and Jonah Job climbed Unprotected Four-Play (2,000', AI4+ M6 R) on the left side of the northeast face of A Peak. The route ends a few hundred feet below the summit, where the ice ends, and the group walked off to descend. Coldiron, Joe Lind, and Jeff Zickler have developed other four- to five-pitch ice climbs in a drainage adjacent to Blackwell Glacier; however, details are lacking.

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