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### **Dragontail Peak, Iceline Bling**

Washington, Stuart Range

**On April 3, Craig Pope, my wife Priti Wright, and I climbed a new ice route on the north face of Dragontail Peak, a direct line up the north buttress that we dubbed Iceline Bling (250m, WI5 M4). This is an alternate start to the classic Triple Couloirs (WI3 M3), depositing the climber at the top of the first couloir; it's also a worthy line on its own, with quality ice. The route is visible from Colchuck Lake but may not form consistently each year.**

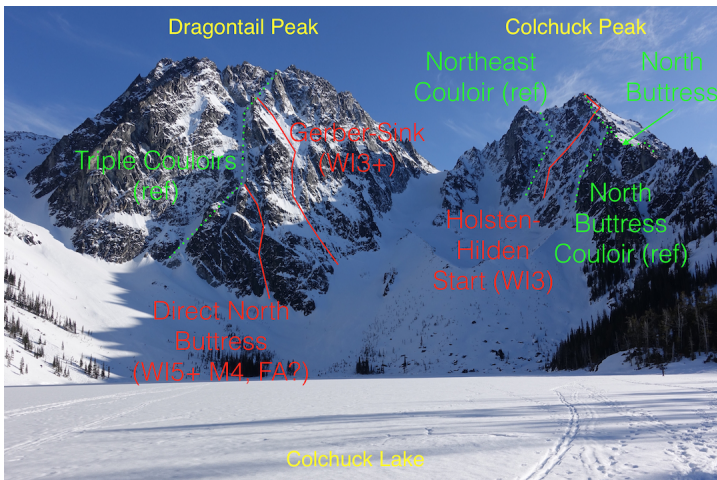
Iceline Bling begins just left of the toe of Dragontail's north buttress, starting with a pitch of sustained WI4 trending diagonally right, followed by a pitch of more relaxed WI4, then a rope length of easy snow. This took us to the crux pitch (WI5 M4), which Craig led up a thinly iced slab to a short column. A final rope length of easy snow (climber's left) leads to the top of the first couloir of Triple Couloirs. From here, one can continue up Triple Couloirs or downclimb to Colchuck Lake as we did.

– Jeff Wright

## Images



High above Colchuck Lake in the first couloir of Triple Couloirs.



Dragontail and Colchuck peaks, with popular routes shown.



Craig Pope follows the first pitch on Iceline Bling, the direct north buttress of Dragontail Peak.



Jeff Wright starts the second pitch of the direct north buttress on Dragontail Peak. The new route Iceline Bling (250m, WI5 M4) climbs five pitches to intersect the popular Triple Couloirs route at the top of its first couloir.



Craig Pope and Priti Wright following the second pitch of Iceline Bling (250m, WI5 M4), a direct start to the popular Triple Couloirs route on Dragontail Peak, in Washington's Stuart Range.



Craig Pope leads the crux pitch on Iceline Bling (250m, WI5 M4). The route tackles a direct line up the north buttress of Dragontail Peak, but may not form consistently every year.

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