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On May 27, Myles Moser and I climbed a high-quality route on the left side of the Parisian Buttress, a prominent formation along the Meysan Lakes Trail out of Whitney Portal. Three pitches of golden, knob-studded face climbing protected by bolts gave way to three more pitches of hand and fist cracks up a long left-facing corner system. We joined the original route on the formation, Arc de Triomphe (IV 5.10d), for its classic, exposed knife-edge summit ridge. We rappelled the line of ascent with double ropes. The climb houses a treasure trove of perfect gem-quality feldspar crystals, and keeping with the French-inspired theme we called it the Louvre (900', III 5.10d).

– Richard Shore

Images



The Parisian Buttress, along the Meysan Lakes Trail near Whitney Portal, showing the line of the Louvre (900', III 5.10d). Myles Moser and Richard Shore climbed this new line in late May 2017.

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