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Wolverine Cirque, Bombs Away, A-Minor, Thunder Struck

Wyoming, Wind River Range

In August, Jon Jugenheimer, Jared Leader, Bryan Miller, Geoff Ris, and I headed into the Wolverine Cirque in the northeastern Winds. Over the course of 10 days we established a few new routes, bailed off of a few ground up attempts and started freeing an old aid line. The fishing sucked (ask Jon) but the weather was great. [See AAJ 2019 for more info on this area.]

Bombs Away (1,500', IV 5.9) begins in a weakness on the right side of the Flying Buttress that protrudes from the north face of Saddle Mountain. Bryan and Jon followed the weakness trending up and right at 5.9 (loose rock) until they cut back left onto the ridge top where it flattens out. From there they followed the ridge to the top of the buttress, well below the true summit of the mountain.

A-Minor (1,500', III 5.7) begins on one buttress right of Ride the Lightning on Lighting Rod Spire. Bryan and Jon climbed lower-angle slabs to the saddle between the spire and Wolverine Mountain. From the saddle, we followed a left-facing dihedral to the summit of the spire at 5.7.

Geoff, Jared, and I completed Thunder Struck (1,100', 6 pitches, 5.9) on the northeast face of Thunderbolt Spire, which consists of mostly good rock that protected well enough. We were rewarded with a micro-summit that was just too small to want to stand on. We descended to the west and encountered very loose rock—I would recommend rapping the route.

– Heath Rowland

Images



The Wolverine Peak cirque on the east side of the Wind River Range, showing two new routes completed by Jon Jugenheimer and Bryan Miller in August 2019: Bombs Away (IV 5.9) on the left, and A-Minor (III 5.7) on the right. See AAJ 2019 for earlier routes.



Thunderbolt Spire, in the Wolverine Cirque of the Wind River Range, showing the line of Thunder Struck (III 5.9). Jared Leader, Geoff Ris, and Heath Rowland climbed this new six-pitch route in August 2019.

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