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Pik Slesova, American Way, Second Free Ascent

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Emily Harrington and husband Adrian Ballinger (USA) repeated The American Way on Pik Slesova (a.k.a. Russian Tower, 4,240m), a free line established by David Allfrey, Brent Barghahn, Nik Berry, and Eric Bissell in 2019. Climbing alongside a three-person film crew, Harrington freed the 950m, 5.13a route with only two falls; she led every pitch harder than 5.12a, and swapped leads with Ballinger on the rest of the climb.

— Information from Emily Harrington

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