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Mt. Misery, West Face

United States, Wyoming, Absaroka Range

In October 2021, Dane Steadman and I ventured to the head of Sunlight Creek in search of ice. We found a large and relatively steep face—the west face of an unnamed summit—rising out of the creekbed. We started up the main drainage in the middle of the face on a few steps of ice with difficulties up to AI4. Continuing up snow for more than 1,000', we eventually angled left to a steeper side drainage. A couple more short, fun pitches of ice led to a few steps of rock. We exited the weakness onto a ridge that we followed to the summit.

We decided to call the unnamed peak Mt. Misery (11,503'), because of the high winds we experienced throughout the climb and its close proximity to Mt. Pleasant (12,009'). We descended to the north down a large snowfield and hiked several miles through dense forest back to the car. It was a fun, moderate early season route, despite the post-holing and bushwhacking involved.

— Justin Willis

Images



Dane Steadman on the west face (3,500', M4 AI4+) of Mt. Misery, Absaroka Range, Wyoming.



Dane Steadman on the west face (3,500', M4 AI4+) of Mt. Misery.



Dane Steadman standing on the summit of Mt. Misery (the previously unnamed Peak 11,503') in the Absaroka Range, Wyoming, after the first ascent of the west face (3,500', M4 AI4+) with Justin Willis.



The west face (3,500', M4 AI4+) of Mt. Misery, the previously unnamed Peak 11,503' in the Absaroka Range, in early fall. The ascent line followed the central drainage then branched left up a smaller drainage at half height.

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