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Scottish Wall, Never Take Our Freedom!

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In October, Matt Ward and I climbed a difficult mixed route up a steep wall near the head of Sunlight Creek in northern Wyoming. We approached on the closed Sunlight Creek Road with mountain bikes, carrying them across one river crossing, then hiked up an obvious avalanche path to the base of the route.

The climb began with steep snow in a beautiful wide chimney. After 200' or so, the chimney narrowed and steepened. A difficult but well-protected M6 pitch led past a stack of massive chockstones. Five more pitches, each offering difficult and sparsely protected climbing, brought us to the top of the chimney. We trudged the final 1,000' to the top of the unnamed peak and then descended the east face toward Copper Lakes and followed a trail back to our mountain bikes.

We believe it extremely likely that Never Take Our Freedom! (1,200', IV M6 70° snow) is the first route up this cliff, which we named the Scottish Wall.

— Justin Willis

Images



Matt Ward climbing easier ground on Never Take Our Freedom! (1,200', IV M6 70° snow), likely the first route up the Scottish Wall, a 1,200' cliff in the northern Absaroka Range, Wyoming.

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