

Eldorado Canyon Fixed Hardware Application Form

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Route Name and Proposed Grade:TBD , 12a

Location:

Starting from the bolted belay above Five Eight Crack (*pg 328*), the first pitch climbs clean faces and a roof to the right of Rincon (*pg 329*), between Reveley-Hunter (*pg 329*) and Rinodina (*pg 327*), staying right of the Rincon Dink (*pg 328*), to reach the ledge system at the base of the reef. The second pitch climbs the clean wall between Surfwise (*pg 342*) and Front Side Lip Smack (*pg 342*). The third pitch climbs largely easier ground to the top of the wall.

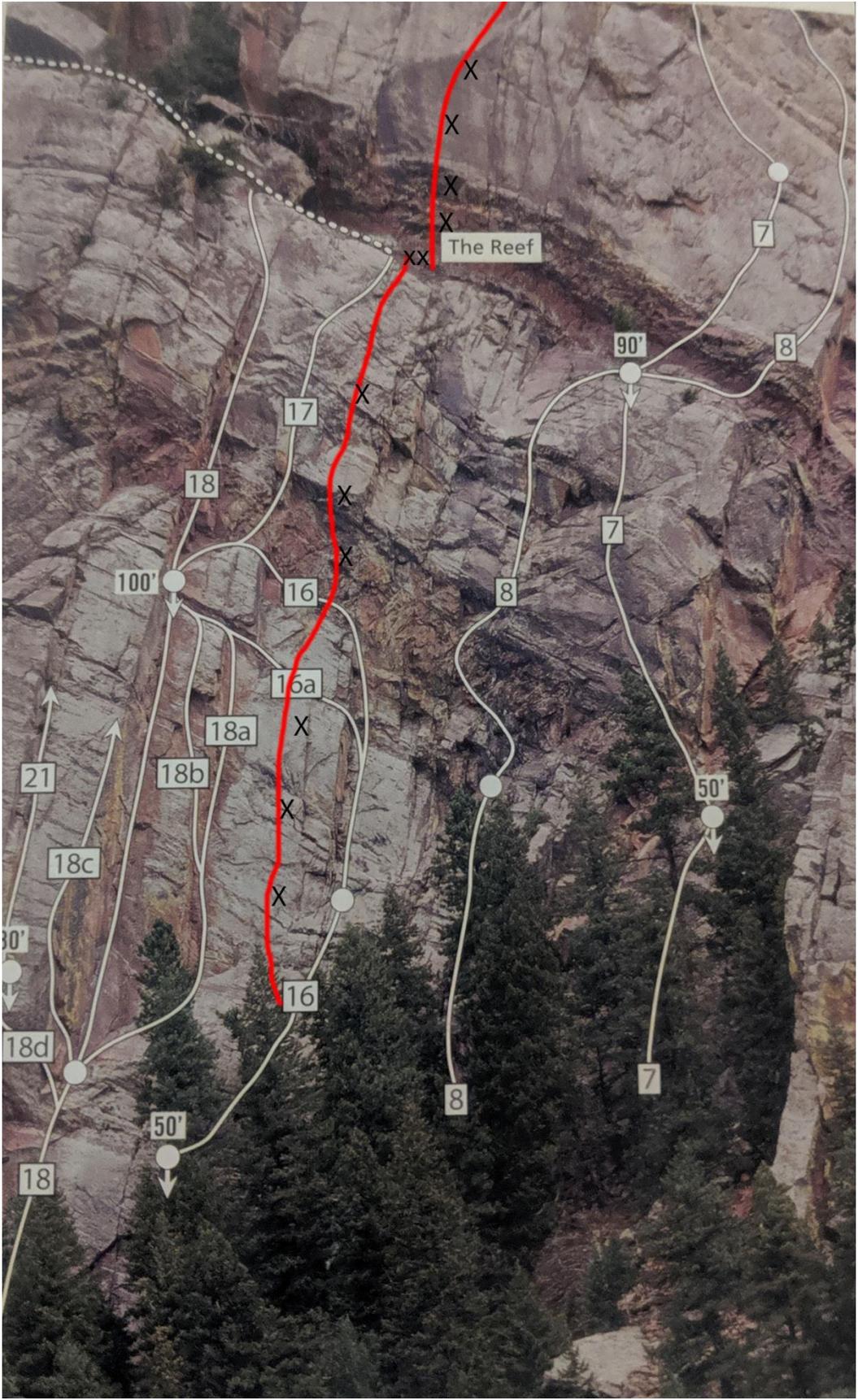
Route description:

1. 5.8. (50ft) Climb Five Eight Crack to the two bolt anchor
2. 5.12a. (~150 ft) Climb easily to a shallow right facing dihedral in the clean wall above. The route arcs just left of this feature on good flakes (first bolt) and then back right (bolt) to a hard rockover (crux). A second thin face section (bolt) leads to easier ground where White Death and the Killing Fields traverse across. The route continues above (bolt) to a large roof with a conspicuous triangular hole, that provides a second crux (11c, bolt). Above the route trends slightly right (bolt) to reach a shallow crack feature, which is followed to the ledge system beneath the Reef. A bolt anchor here would be nice as natural gear is very limited.
3. 5.11c. (~70 ft) Climb the center of the beautiful clean rectangular face (between Surfwise and Front Side Lip Smack) that is guarded by a steep wall (4 bolts). The climbing gradually eases where the angle kicks back trending right to a short corner to reach a sloping ledge above (bolt anchor)
4. 5.10. (~90ft) Connect a series of grooves trending slightly left to reach a large roof. Swing through this (bolt) and climb to the crest of the wall by a small pine tree.

Other information from applicant: Include any other information you wish ACE, the Park, and the public to know about this route.



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Factors For

1. **Is the proposed new route independent?**

Yes, other than crossing the traverse of White Death and Killing Fields. Pitch 1 is close (maybe 6 feet) to Rincon Dink after pulling the roof, but then trends away to the right. Bolt will be placed with care not to change the bold nature of Rincon Dink at this point.

2. **Is the proposed new route direct?**

Yes

3. **Is the proposed new route on good rock?**

Predominantly excellent rock, apart from mid section of first pitch and bottom wall of second pitch. Both of these pitches have been cleaned to remove dangerous loose rocks and will be further cleaned during bolting process if approved.

4. **Is the proposed new route safe?**

Yes, the route will be safe for competent climbers to on-sight.

5. **Will proposed new route lead to crowding at base?**

Doubtful.

Factors Against

1. **Does the new route overlook natural protection in favor of bolts?**

No, the bolts are necessary for a safe lead.

Neutral Factors

1. **Can the proposed new route be top roped?**

Not easily.

2. **Will climbers be able to use the first pitch anchor as a rappel anchor for neighboring routes?**

Yes, you could use this anchor to rappel back down to the base. You would probably need double ropes.

3. **Does the proposed new route alter neighboring routes?**

The lead bolts will be placed where they cannot be accessed from neighboring routes. The anchor for the top of pitch 1 will be placed in such a spot that it could also serve as a belay anchor for Rincon Dink.