

Eldorado Canyon Fixed Hardware Application Form

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Route Name and Proposed Grade: Brand New Cadillac, 5.11b/c

Location: Cadillac Crag

Describe where the climb is and how to access it.

The route is on Fin 2 (counting from the right) on the left face. It shares the anchor with the first pitch of Highway of Diamonds. Access is via the Rincon cut-off from the Eldorado Canyon Trail.

Route description:

Describe how to access the climb and a pitch by pitch breakdown of the climbing. Include grades, quality of rock, protection and if there are any serious runouts.

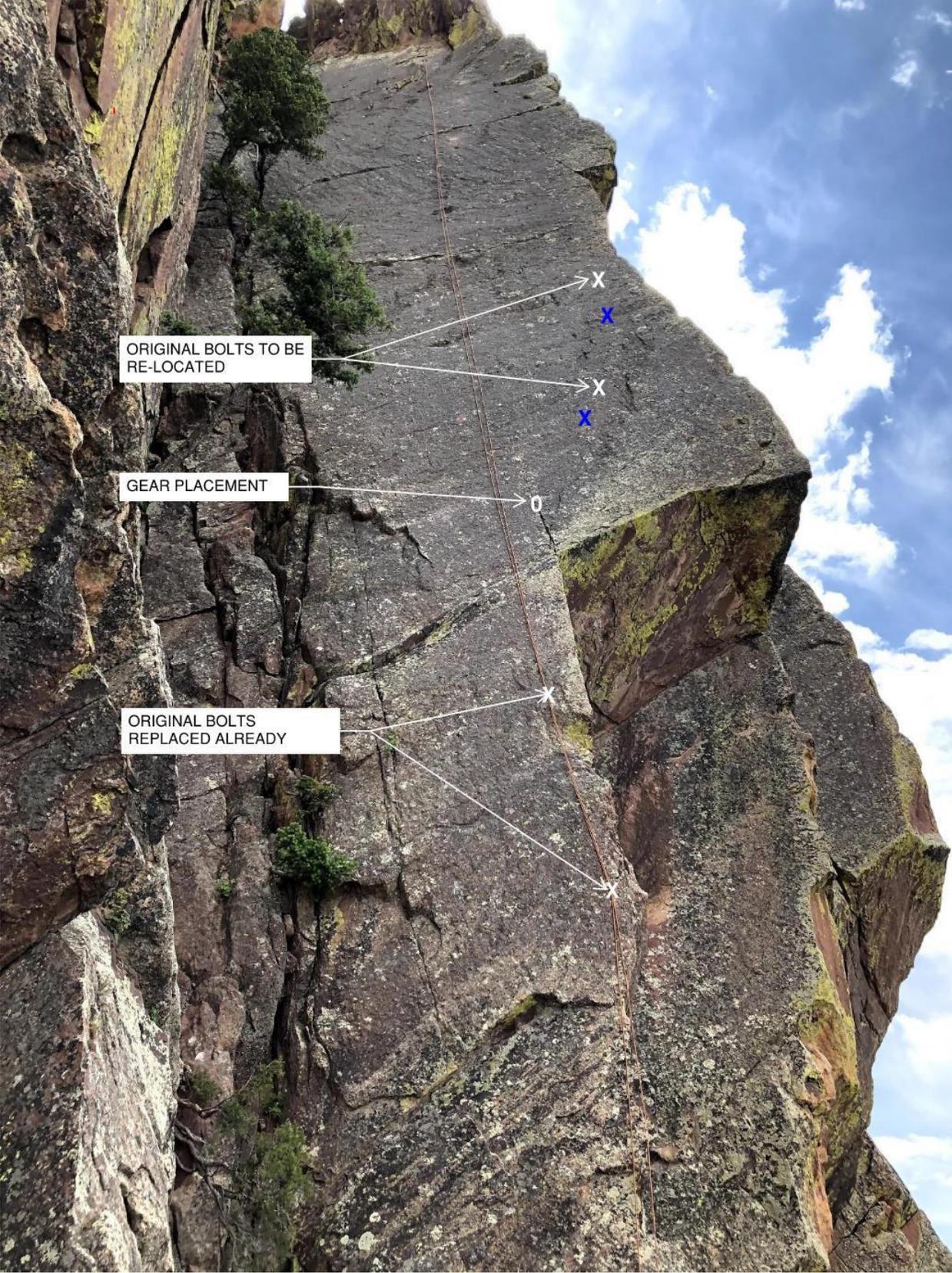
The climb is easily accessed from the base of Rincon by hiking up and left to Cadillac Crag.

This is a one pitch route that goes at 5.11b/c R. the route follows the lower arete to a short crack, then straight up the blank face to the belay shared with Highway of Diamonds. There are two bolts on the lower arete but the first one is quite high, there is a good gear placement in the crack mid-way up the route and then another runout to the first of two bolts on the upper face.

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

Kirk Petersen and I established this route in 1986. It was the first climb that either of us had bolted. We bolted the route on rappel using a hand drill. We did not put enough thought into the location of the bolts and left some excessive runouts. The route rarely gets done, only 3 ticks on Mountain Project as compared to the nearby Land of Ra (also 5.11) that has 88 ticks. We would like to relocate two of the original 34-year-old bolts on the upper face (the two original bolts on the lower arete have already been replaced as part of work on the Black Face).

Please either include a photo with your topo drawn on it or use a photo from the Levin guide and include the page number. Mark the location of each lead bolt and or anchor bolts on the topo.



ORIGINAL BOLTS TO BE RE-LOCATED

GEAR PLACEMENT

ORIGINAL BOLTS REPLACED ALREADY



The photo above is of the crux bolt which was placed too high for most people to clip before getting into the moves. A wire draw has been hanging on the bolt for 18 years to make it easier to reach. As part of this proposal we would re-locate this bolt lower.

Factors For

1. Is the proposed new route independent? This is a proposed modification to an existing route.
2. Is the proposed new route direct? Yes, it goes directly up the arete and across the face to the anchor.
3. Is the proposed new route on good rock? Yes, the rock is very solid here.

4. Does the overall quality of the climbing inspire? [Yes, the route has interesting and varied moves.](#)
5. Does the proposed new route alter neighboring routes? [No](#)
6. Is the proposed new route safe? [The proposed lowering of the original bolts would make this a safer climb, but still fairly run-out.](#)
7. Will proposed new route lead to crowding at base? [No, the length of the approach keeps Cadillac Crag pretty quiet.](#)

Factors Against

1. Does the new route overlook natural protection in favor of bolts? [No, we are not proposing adding a bolt at the crack above the roof where a good gear placement is available.](#)

Neutral Factors

1. Can the proposed new route be top roped? [Yes, by climbing the first pitch of Highway of Diamonds.](#)