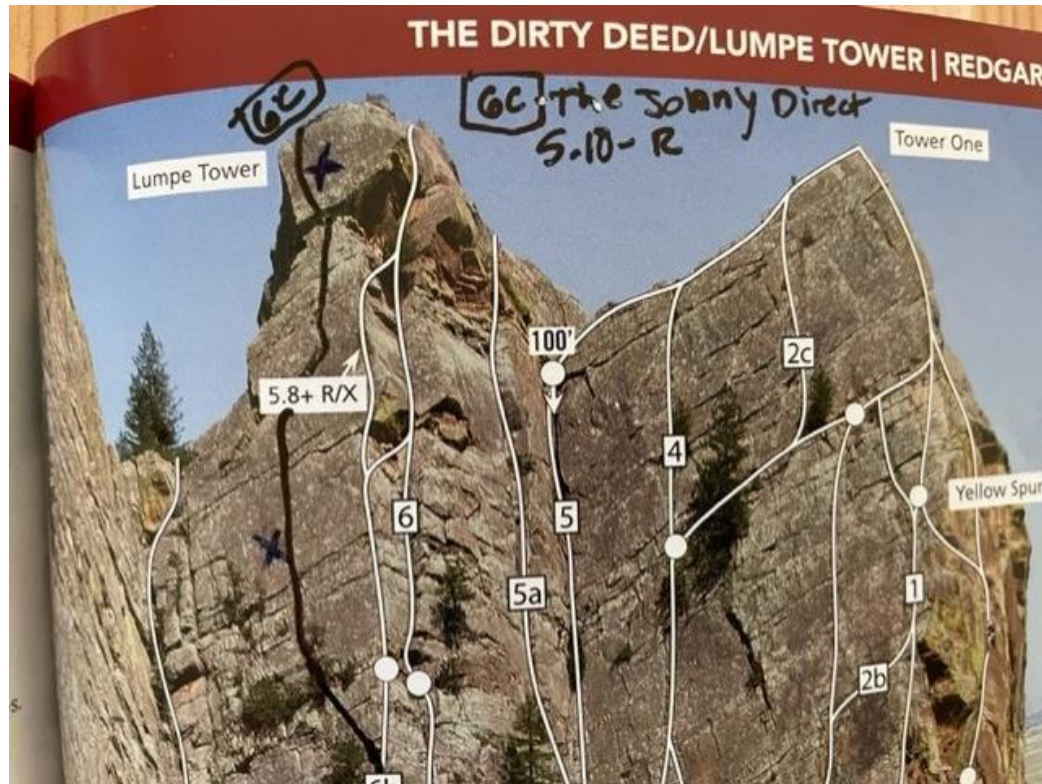


# Application to add bolts to new route

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The Jonny Direct (5.10a R), Variation to Swanson's Arete, Lumpe Tower



The new route and proposed two bolt placements shown above.

## Information from ACE

This new route is a one-pitch variation to Swanson's Arete that was led on natural protection in October 2023 at 5.10- R. This application is to add two bolts to the new route that would protect the current 5.8 R/X climbing. The addition of two bolts would reduce the overall seriousness of the grade to 5.10- PG.

## Current Route Description with proposed bolt placements added in [bold]:

One pitch. 5.10a R

Good climbing with an exposed finish up the summit block. The cruxes are well-protected, but the easier face climbing is very runout [**Which would be protected by proposed bolts**]. Start on the left side of the arete of Swansons Direct at the tree belay.

Climb up and left on easy ground past some trees and find a small left-facing corner in the middle of the clean face. Climb the corner and thin face above (5.7 R/X) [**proposed bolt 1**] onto easier ground and protection. Now climb a short but steep right-facing, right leaning corner (5.10a G) and continue up to the summit block. Make a tricky mantle over a small roof (5.9 G)

onto the summit block and run it out up the left side of the thin face to the summit (5.8 R/X) **[proposed bolt 2]**.

Rack: Standard rack with some brass nuts to protect the move onto the summit block.

### Factors For

1. Does the proposed addition of fixed hardware alter the routes technical difficulty?  
No. This is a free route.
2. Does the proposed addition of fixed hardware alter the route psychology?  
Yes. The two bolts would protect the two sections of R/X-rated climbing on insecure 5.7 to 5.8 face climbing. The applicant led the route on natural protection and would like to upgrade the route with two bolts to protect the dangerous climbing.
3. Does the proposed addition of fixed hardware alter neighboring routes?  
No. The line is independent of other routes. Swanson's Direct ascends the arete 20-30' right of where the bolt 1 would be located; the second bolt will be located on the summit block completely independent of other routes.
4. Does the FFA party agree with the proposed addition of fixed hardware?  
Yes. The FA/FFA is the applicant. The route was cleaned and top roped prior to the FA. After leading the route, it was agreed that because of the runout climbing the route would see little traffic. The addition of bolts to the two runouts would change the overall rating to PG, with a little PG-13 climbing on much easier ground.

### Factors Against

1. Can any of the proposed fixed hardware additions instead be protected with natural protection?  
No. The bolts would be placed on blank faces with no natural protection.

### Neutral Factors

1. Difficulty. The route is 5.9 or 5.10-, with well-protected cruxes, however climbers whose onsite limit is at or around this grade may be deterred by the lack of protected on the slightly easier thin face climbing in the route's current state.

### Information from the Applicant

This line can be easily self-belayed/mini-tractioned from the summit.