

MAKING TURNS IN COLORADO'S San Juans



VOLUME 2: THE NORTHERN PEAKS

A Backcountry Ski & Snowboard Guidebook By Fritz Sperry



The Northern San Juan Mountains offer great snow and classic ski descents on some of Colorado's most beautiful and rugged peaks. This guidebook covers winter & spring lines, from avalanche-free zones to steep summit descents, options to fit the range's varied conditions. Let's go adventuring for powder!



INCLUDES:

91 Peaks/Zones	147 Routes	45 Thirteeners
Red Mtn., Slungullion, and Lizard Head Passes		10 Fourteeners
Descents in San Juan, Dolores, Ouray, San Miguel, Hinsdale, Saguache and Gunnison Counties		



Making Turns in Colorado's San Juans, Volume 2: The Northern Peaks due December 2026-2027.

Please enjoy this sample of Giterdun Publishing's planned release, Making Turns in Colorado's San Juans, Volume 2: The Northern Peaks by Fritz Sperry. The second San Juan book still has a ways to go, it seems I have been neglecting it to focus on finishing up on the southern volume.

Given that I am only half way done with the skiing for this title I would estimate that 2027 would be a realistic estimate of actual release. I am sharing the plan though here, so advertisers who might wish to sign up for both will know about what they are getting. Final routes will be decided by nature.

benefits of advertising

This is a guidebook not a magazine. This is the Giterdun Publishing's seventh guidebook. One of the great benefits of guidebook advertising is the longevity of the media. Some guidebooks have a lifespan of 20-30 years. Since this medium has such a long lifespan and receives attention from multiple users you get a great return on your investment. This is a great opportunity to get your brand into the minds, backpacks and bookshelves of your targeted users for many years to come.

thank you

Check out the working table of contents and a few sample routes on the following pages. We hope you'll want to get on board and we're looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

rates + services advertising

Rates for the various sizes of ads are below. You can create your own art, or we can do it for you see below. If you need art or design service, see below. We are no longer doing regular presentations in order to focus on ski reasearch for future projects. However, Fritz may be convinced to do a show or two for worthy benefactors.

The Table of Contents spaces are limited act quickly to reserve yours before they are all gone.

**IF YOU BUY ADS FOR BOTH SAN JUAN VOLUMES TAKE 20% OFF!
Discount on Ads the same size or larger**

pricing + specs

Inside Front Cover Spread	\$3000
Inside Back Cover Spread	\$2500
Two Page Sperad	\$2000
Full Page Table of Contents Placement	\$1500
Full Page	\$1000
Half Page Table of Contents Placement	\$1000
Half Page	\$750
Quarter Page in Appendix (Not Avaialble in TC)	\$400

sizing

Two Page Spread
12" W x 9" H = Trim Size
12.25" W x 9.25" H = Bleed Size
11.75" W x 8.75" H = Live Area
Landscape Orientation only

Half page
6" W x 4.5" H = Trim Size
6.25" W x 4.75" H = Bleed Size
5.75" W x 4.25" H = Live Area

Full page
6" W x 9" H = Trim Size
6.25" W x 9.25" H = Bleed Size
5.75" W x 8.75" H = Live Area

Quarter Page
3" W x 4.5" H = Trim Size
3.25" W x 4.75" H = Bleed Size
2.75" W x 4.25" H = Live Area
Portrait Orientation only

File info: Press Quality .pdf with bleeds & printer's marks.

custom art & design

Fritz Sperry Art @fritzsperryart on Instagram is available to for custom commision artwork and ad design. Please contact fritzsperry@yahoo.com to discuss your project and get a quote and timeline. Paintings usually take about 2 months to complete so factor this into your production timeline. given the short turn-around on this title we can rush it.

25 YEARS DEEP

We've been neck deep in snow safety for 25 years. It's all we do. We make proven, easy-to-use backcountry products. And it's all backed up with education and knowledgeable customer service.



I'm not the biggest fan of starting in the dark, but the light sure makes it worth it. San Luis Peak.



MAKINGTURNS IN COLORADO'S SAN JUANS, VOLUME 2: THE NORTHERN PEAKS

LA GARITA MOUNTAINS

- 1. Mineral Mountain - 12,097'**
 - 1a. Boundary Chute
 - 1b. Northeast Chutes
- 2. Baldy Lejos - 13,100'**
 - 2a. East Gully
- 3. Baldy Cinco - 13,383'**
 - 3a. Northeast Ramp
- 4. Stewart Peak - 13,983'**
 - 4a. North Face
- 5. Baldy Alto - 13,698'**
 - 5a. West Gully
- 6. Organ Mountain - 13,801'**
 - 6a. Cochetopa Pipes
- 7. San Luis Peak - 14,019'**
 - 7a. Yawner Gully
- 8. UN13,300'**
 - 8a. North Chute

LAKE CITY

- 9. Red Mountain - 12,826'**
 - 9a. Wade Gulch
 - 9b. Northeast Face

CINNAMON PASS HINSDALE CO. ROAD 3

- 10. Grassy Mountain - 12,821'**
 - 10a. Northeast Chute
- 11. "Castle Lakes Peak" 11,383'**
 - 11a. Northwest Glade and Chutes
- 12. Sunshine Peak - 14,001'**
 - 12a. Northwest Face
- 13. "Sun Dog" - 13,432'**
 - 13a. North Chute
- 14. Redcloud Peak - 14,034'**
 - 14a. Bent Creek Gullies
 - 14b. North Face
 - 14c. West Gully
- 15. Handies Peak - 14,048'**
 - 15a. East Face/Grizzly Gulch
 - 15b. Southwest Slopes
- 16. Whitecross Mountain - 13,542'**
 - 16a. Northeast Face
 - 16b. North Chute
- 17. "American Peak" - 13,806'**
 - 17a. Independence Couloirs
- 18. Cinnamon Mountain - 13,328'**
 - 18a. NE Bowl



The most trusted name
in backcountry safety.™

Est. 1994

TRACKER™ FLOAT™ BC Link™

Athlete: Andy Wienberg, aka Midnight Grizzly.
Location: Vail Backcountry, Photo: Jeff Cirico



NO CROWDS...AHHHHH, THE SOLITUDE AND
MAGIC OF BACKCOUNTRY SKIING.

NEPTUNE MOUNTAINEERING IS THE SOURCE
for Backcountry skiing in Boulder County.
-Staff w/experience and knowledge
-Exceptional boot fitters
-Experienced shop techs

Neptune
Mountaineering
— SINCE 1973 —

633 SOUTH BROADWAY | BOULDER, COLORADO 80305
neptunemountaineering.com | 303.499.8866

UNCOMPAGRE WILDERNESS

ENGINEER PASS HINSDALE CO. ROAD 20

19. UN13,160'

- 19a. Owl Gulch
- 19b. UN12546 North Chute
- 19c. T Gulch

20. Every Mountain - 13,691'

- 20a. North Face

21. "North Every Mountain" - 12,778'

- 21a. Big Casing Gulch

22. Uncompagre Peak - 14,309'

- 22a. South Ridge
- 22b. West Slopes

23. Matterhorn Peak - 13,590'

- 23a. South Face

24. Wetterhorn Peak - 14,015'

- 24a. East Face

25. Wood Mountain - 13,682'

- 25a. Horseshoe Face
- 25b. Un13,271' Northeast Chutes

SILVER JACK RESERVOIR

26. "Silver Jack Peak" 11,212'

- 26a. Dam Line

27. "North Turret Ridge" - 11,750'

- 27a. North Couloir

28. Dunsiname Mountain - 12,742'

- 28a. Gates of Dunsiname

29. Precipice Peak - 13,144'

- 29a. West Slopes

30. "Fortress Peak" - 13,241'

- 30a. Dike Ridge East Chutes

31. Redcliff - 13,642'

- 31a. South Face

32. Pinnacle Ridge - 12,734'

- 32a. North Chutes
- 32b. East Chutes

33. Sheep Mountain - 13,168'

- 33a. East Chutes

CIMARRON RANGE

34. Lou Creek Pass - 10,870'

- 34a. East Gully

35. "South Cimarron Ridge" - 11,526'

- 35a. East Chutes

36. Courthouse Mountain - 12,152'

- 36a. Northeast Bowl

OURAY

37. Cascade Mountain - 12,368'

- 37a. Bridge of Heaven
- 37b. Horsethief Chutes

38. The Amphitheater - 12,238'

- 38a. North Couloir

RED MOUNTAIN PASS

39. Abrahms Mountain - 12,801'

- 39a. Northeast Chute
- 39b. Northwest Shoulder Chute

40. Brown Mountain - 13,288'

- 40a. North Couloirs
- 40b. West Slopes
- 40c. Albany Gulch

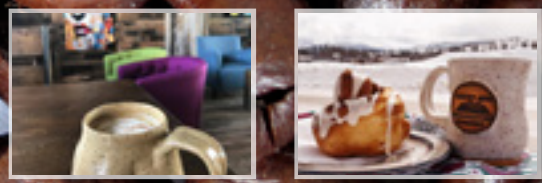
Ralston Creek, North Hayden Mtn. February conditions.





- ◆ **AMGA ACCREDITED GUIDE SERVICE**
- ◆ **SPLITBOARD SPECIALISTS—INTRO TO EXPERT**
- ◆ **FULL RENTAL FLEET—AT & SPLITBOARDS**
- ◆ **AVALANCHE EDUCATION**
- ◆ **LOCAL BETA & STOKE!**

kentmountain.com
 info@kmaconline.com
 (970)586-5990
 520 Steamer Parkway, Estes Park, CO 80517



High Altitude Roasted Coffee
 From scratch Pastries, Sandwiches,
 Soups and Gluten-Free Options
www.rockymountainroasterycafe.com
 Fraser 970-531-6109 Granby 970-531-5598

ACCESS THE BACKCOUNTRY

Backcountry Skiing, Avalanche Training &
 Ski Mountaineering With Pro Ski Guides
www.ColoradoMountainSchool.com



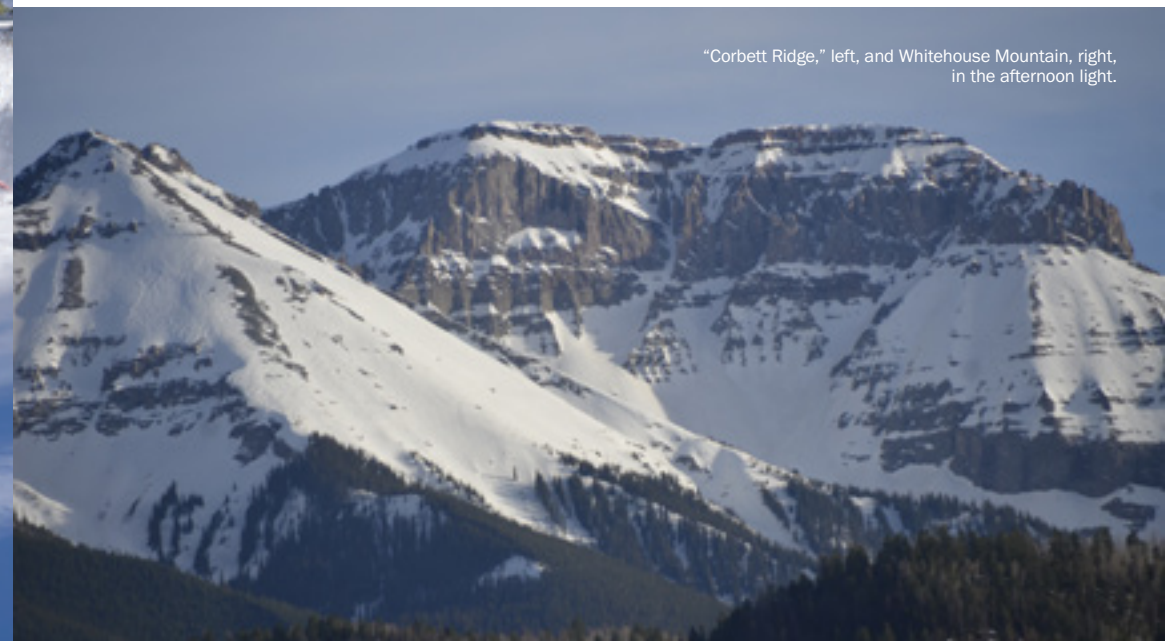
TRIDENT
 BOULDER COLORADO

- 41. Red Mountain 1 - 12,592'**
- 41a. North Face
- 41b. Corkscrew Gulch+
- 42. Red Mountain 2 - 12,219'**
- 42a. NW Face
- 43. Red Mountain 3 - 12,890'**
- 43a. Champion Bowl
- 43b. NW Bowl
- 44. V6 The Battleship - 12,442'**
- 44a. Battleship
- 44b. Battle Scar
- 44c. Battleship East
- 44d. Battle Chutes
- 44e. The Destroyer
- 44f. Picklebarrel
- 44g. Africa
- 44h. South America
- 45. V5 - 13,156'**
- 45a. V5 Couloir
- 45b. Paradise Chutes & Trees
- 46. UN13,280'**
- 46a. Sound of Music
- 47. Lookout Peak - 13,661'**
- 47a. Ophir Pass Bowl
- 48. Chattanooga - 12,692'**
- 48a. Chattanooga Chutes
- 48b. Coin Slot
- 48c. Sam's Trees
- 48d. White Whale
- 49. Trico Peak - 12,321'**
- 49a. Mineral Basin
- 49b. Northeast Face
- 50. Commadore - 11,628'**
- 50a. Commodore
- 51. Grandparents Couloirs- 12,411'**
- 51a. Grandparents Couloirs

SNEFFLES RANGE

- 52. "North Hayden Mtn." - 11,637'**
- 52a. Ralston Chute
- 52b. Squaw Gulch
- 53. "Corbett Ridge" - 13,107'**
- 53a. Coal Creek
- 53b. Corbett Creek
- 54. Whitehouse Mountain - 13,492'**
- 54a. Northwest Couloir
- 54b. Oak Creek
- 55. Mount Ridgway - 13,468'**
- 55a. Beaver Bowl
- 56. "Reconnoiter Peak" - 12,992'**
- 56a. Northeast Chutes
- 57. Teakettle Mountain - 13,825'**
- 57a. South Face
- 57b. North Couloirs
- 58. Potosi Peak - 13,786'**
- 58a. North Couloir
- 59. United States Mountain - 13,036'**
- 59a. Northeast Face
- 59b. Pierson Basin
- 60. Stoney Mtn - 12,698'**
- 60a. North Face
- 61. Mount Sneffels - 14,150'**
- 61a. Snake Couloir
- 61b. West Couloir
- 61c. Blue Lakes Face
- 61d. South Face
- 61e. Lavender Couloir
- 62. Hayden Peak - 12,987'**
- 62a. North Chutes
- 62b. Northeast Ridge
- 63. North Pole Peak - 12,208'**
- 63a. North Chutes

"Corbett Ridge," left, and Whitehouse Mountain, right, in the afternoon light.





GiterdunPublishing.com
 For Our Other Titles
 Author Bios & Events
 Avalanche Safety
 Orders & Retailers
 Book Reviews

contact us at orders@giterdunpublishing.com
 Follow Us @GiterdunPublishing  

TELLURIDE NORTH

- 64. Mount Emma - 13,581'**
- 64a. South Face
- 65. Dallas Peak - 13,809'**
- 65a. East Face 5.3
- 66. Campbell Peak - 13,213'**
- 66a. Eider Creek
- 67. Whipple Mountain - 11,922'**
- 67a. North Chutes

TELLURIDE SOUTH

- 68. Ballard Mountain - 12,804'**
- 68a. Tree Shots
- 68b. West Chute
- 69. "South Ingram Peak" - 13,003'**
- 69a. Ingram Couloir
- 70. Three Needles - 13,481'**
- 70a. North Face
- 71. La Junta Peak - 13,472'**
- 71a. Jackass Face
- 72. Little Wasatch Ridge - 13,000'+**
- 72a. Grandfather Couloir
- 73. San Joaquin Ridge - 13,460'**
- 73a. San Joaquin Couloir
- 74. Silver Mountain - 13,470'**
- 74a. The Wire

SAN MIGUEL MOUNTAINS

- 75. Sunshine Mountain - 12,930'**
- 75a. Northeast Face
- 75b. East Bowl
- 76. Gladstone Peak - 13,913'**
- 76a. East Face
- 77. Mount Wilson - 14,246'**
- 77a. Boxcar Couloir
- 78. Wilson Peak - 14,017'**
- 78a. Coors Face
- 79. El Diente - 14,159'**
- 79a. Mahogany Couloir
- 79b. Lutrell Line
- 80. Dolores Peak - 13,290'**
- 80a. Fall Creek Face
- 81. Middle Peak - 13,261'**
- 81a. North Cirque
- 81b. NW Couloirs
- 82. Lone Cone - 12,613'**
- 82a. Devils Chair

OPHIR

- 83. Pilot Knob - 13,738'**
- 83a. North Face
- 84. South Lookout Peak - 13,357'**
- 84a. Magnum Couloir
- 84b. North South Lookout Shoulder Couloir
- 84c. North South Lookout Dogleg Couloir
- 84d. Sunset Bowl

- 85. Waterfall Canyon**
- 85a. Janes
- 85b. Acid Chutes
- 85c. Bronco
- 85d. Mustang
- 85e. Sidewinder
- 85g. The Banker
- 86. Yellow Mountain - 13,177'**
- 86a. Serpent Couloir
- 86b. Fatwah Couloir

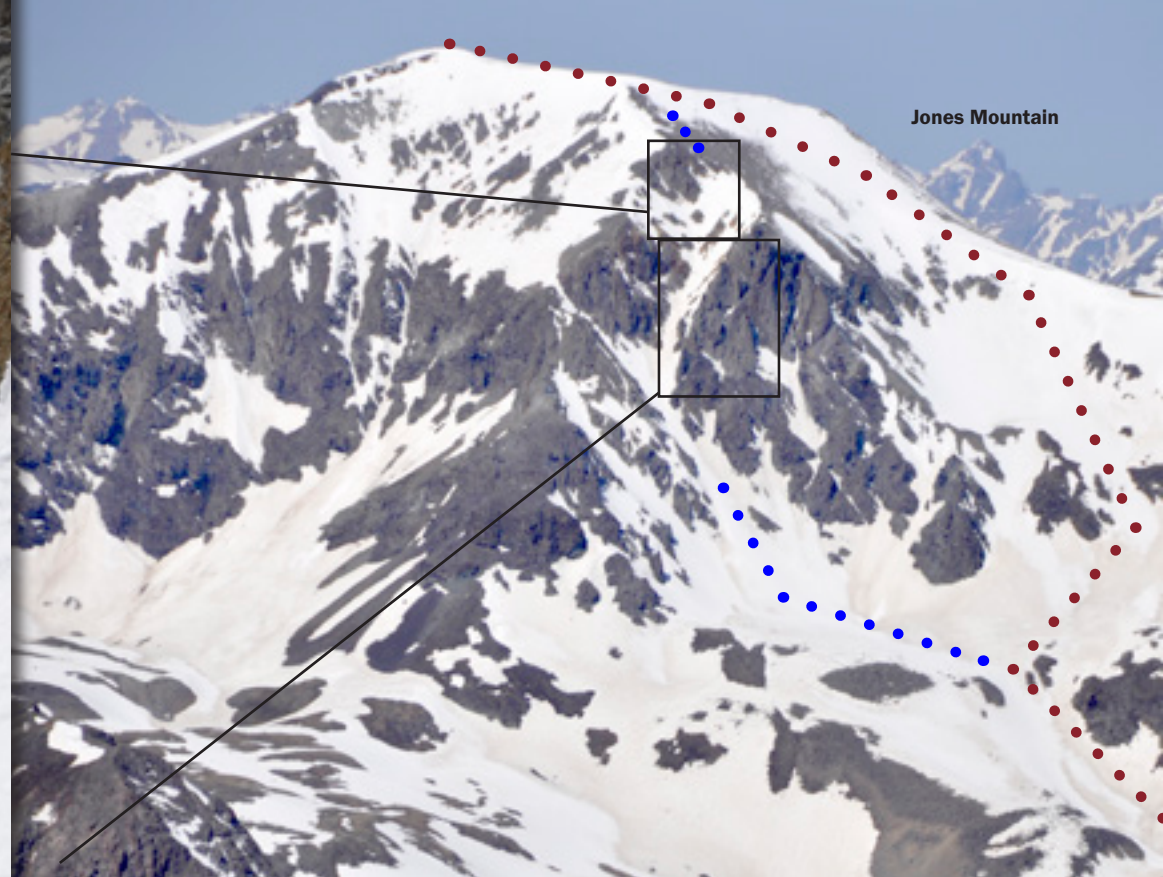


LIZARD HEAD PASS

- 86c. Camp 1
- 86d. Camp 2
- 87. "East San Bernardo Mtn" 11,822'**
- 87a. Northeast Chute
- 88. "Lake Point Peak" - 13,506'**
- 88a. North Saddle
- 88b. "North Lake Pt. Pk" 13,088 North Face
- 89. San Miguel Peak - 13,752'**
- 89a. San Miguel Couloirs
- 90. Sheep Mountain - 13,188'**
- 90a. West Face
- 90b. Sheep Chute
- 91. Black Face - 12,147'**
- 91a. North Face
- 91b. South Face

15 HANDIES PEAK – 14,048'

According to the Denver Gazette, “the true meaning behind the ‘Handies’ in Handies Peak is unknown. It used to be marked as ‘Tabasco’ on maps after Tabasco Meat Sauce Company, the financier of a nearby silver mine.” It could have been named after a locally famous pioneer that went by ‘Handie.’” The name was made official by the Hayden Expedition in 1874. The line we skied was hot sauce spicy for sure!



Jones Mountain



Dropping a knee into the chute on Handies East Face. It's steep!!! athlete: Rob Steinmetz

15a - Handies Peak	East Face/Grizzly Gulch	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATES 4	DISTANCE: 6.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 3,700'
SUNHIT: Sunrise	ASPECT: East	SEASON: Spring
TRAILHEAD: Grizzly Gulch	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

From the trailhead take the Grizzly Gulch Trail southwest. At treeline you'll get a nice long look of the line as you make your way towards the North Ridge and on to the summit. Make a mental note of where to enter the couloir if that is your destination. If you want to climb it feel free, provided you don't have wind slab problems, I like climbing couloirs to get a feel for the snow but this can get you in trouble is you trigger something above.

From the top ski back down the ridge and sneak into the couloir. The angle reaches the low 50s with an average around 45 for the length of the 800' vertical for the line. If the conditions don't merit skiing the steeps the north ridge options is a fine ski as well and worth the effort.

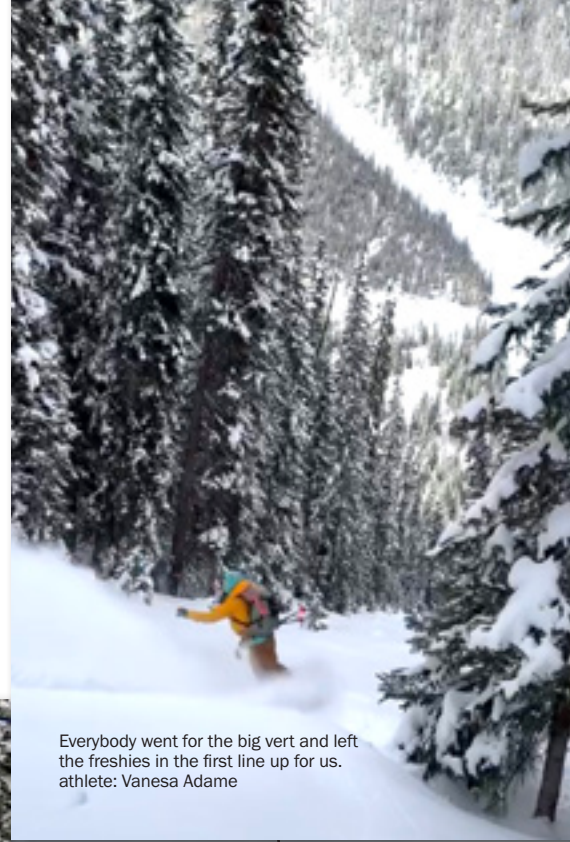
MAKINGTURNS IN COLORADO'S SAN JUANS

44d - V6 The Battleship	Battle Chutes	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATEs 3	DISTANCE: 3.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 2,100'
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: North	SEASON: Winter
TRAILHEAD: Ophir Pass East	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

From the Ophir Pass parking on the highway, skin ski down the road past the power station to the river, do not go up the pass road. This descent can be a little sporty at the trees. If you make it down to a sketchy log bridge you have gone too far south, there is a solid crossing upstream. As far as crossing Mineral Middle Creek you'll have to rely on a snow bridge. Once across the creek follow the ridge to either Pt. 11,657' or one of the drop-in spots a little before the highpoint of the Battle Chutes.

The lines all start as nicely spaced trees and feed into drainpipes of fun, A few can get kind of claustrophobic near the bottom as the lines trench, be aware here for snow above you feeding into the confines of the gully.

Once at the exit of Right and Middle ski west along a road to an easy crossing and a road back to the pass road. This is far easier than trying to navigate the stream. For the Left Chute ski down along the creek bed and meet up with the same crossing and road to the pass road.



Everybody went for the big vert and left the freshies in the first line up for us. athlete: Vanesa Adame



Pointing it right down the middle, that's the way to do it. athlete: Jake Kurzweil



Stay on your toes as the chute tightens near the bottom. Watch for deadfall.





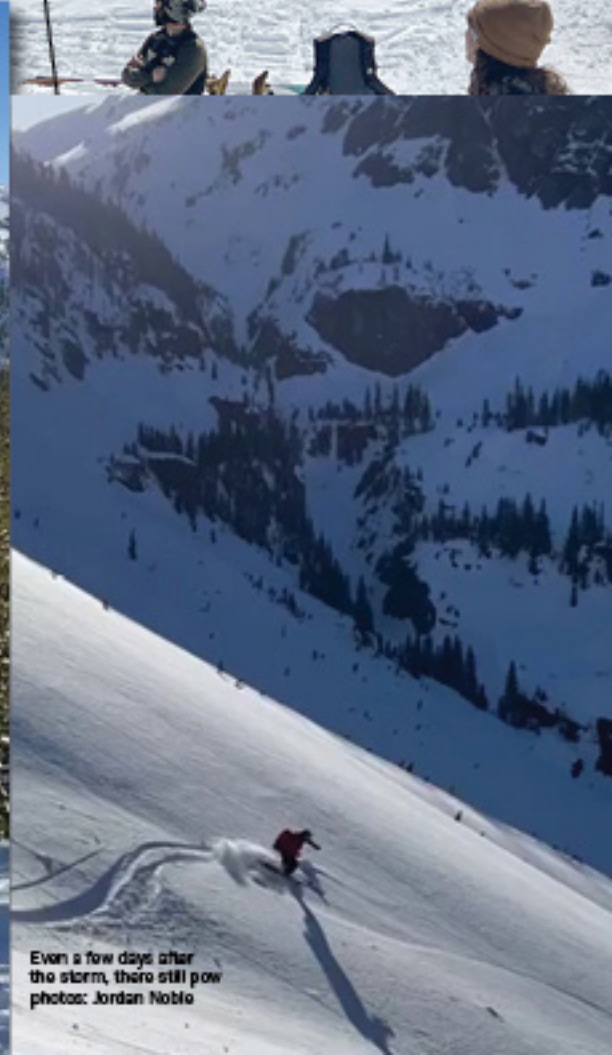
In Silverton, running into a buddy at the coffee shop, can lead to this an hour later. athlete: Jorddan Noble

48a - Chattanooga		Chattanooga Chutes	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATES 3	DISTANCE: 2 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 1,800'	
SUNHIT: Sunrise	ASPECT: North - Northeast	SEASON: Winter & Spring	
TRAILHEAD: Chattanooga	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197	

It doesn't get much more low hanging fruit than this. From the Chattanooga Corner you are on the skin track heading south into the trees. It's steep and switchbacky and it sees a lot of use so it gets icy. If you need to expand the track do so on the uphill so you will fill in the track with your wake as you break an easier path, don't worry the next storm will fill it back in.

At the ridge head west up the ridge to the first entrance, this is the tree shot. It does slide as evidenced by the flagging trees at the bottom. The trees to the sides of this run can also slide. It is more protected from the wind though so snow is better than the more alpine options further up the ridge.

There are multiple chutes leading all the way to Coin Slot. The skier's left sides of the gullies are the leeward side of these cross-loaded features. Spot the cornicing to confirm. These lines are usually skied out a day after the storm but it can be a nice spot to stop at on your way over the pass. While these chutes may get skied out there is plenty of snow in this zone to entertain , even days after a storm.



Even a few days after the storm, there still pow photos: Jorddan Noble