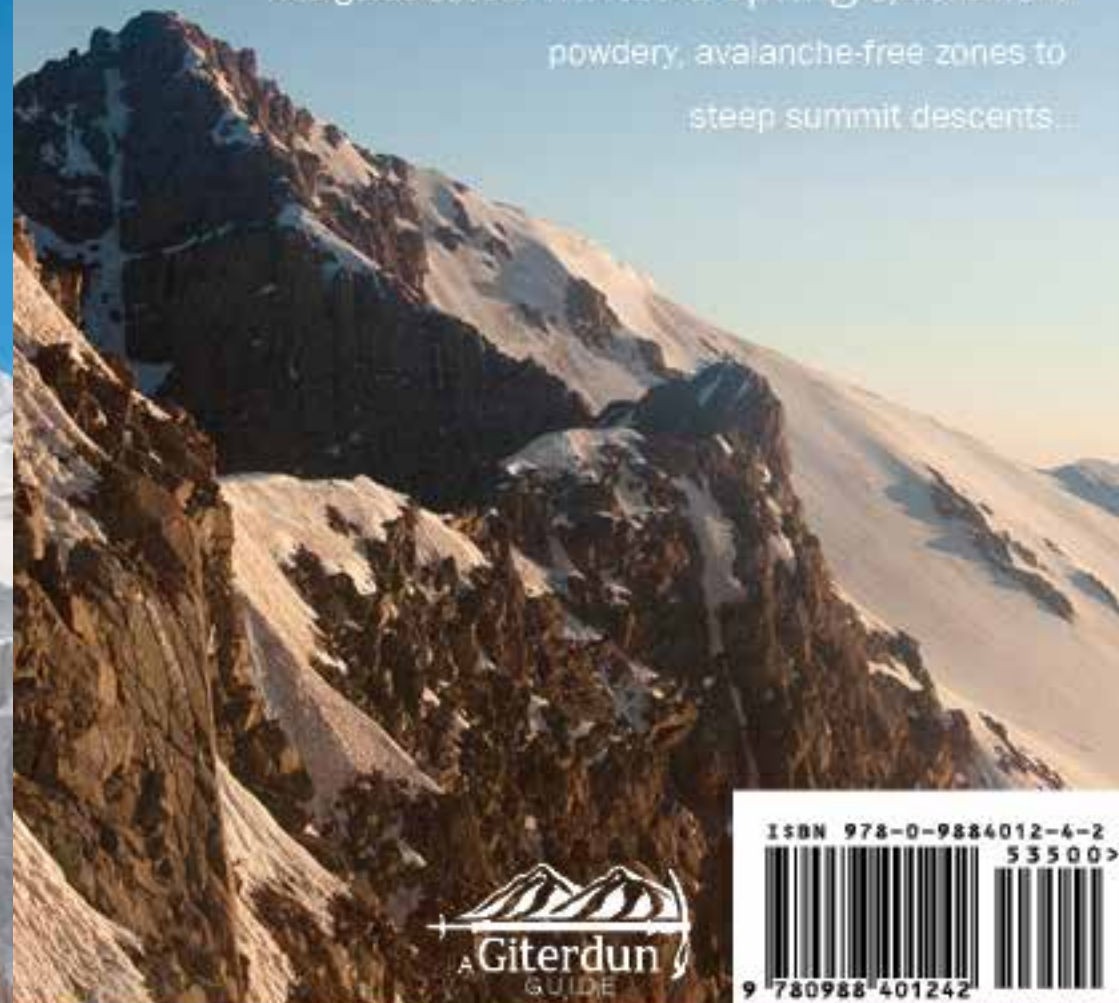


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2 Jones Mountain - 13,860'

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13e. Baby python

13f. Spider Face

14 Bear Mountain - 12,987'

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14b. Snowslide Gully aka Bear claw

14c. Bear Couloir

14d. North Chute

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"North King Solomon" has plenty of options to fit conditions.

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**15 Vermillion Peak - 13,894'**

- 15a. Vermillion Dollar Couloir
- 15b. Vermillion Flank Couloir

16 Golden Horn - 13,789'

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17 US Grant Peak - 13,767'

- 17a. Tropical Island Couloir

18 Anvil Mountain - 12,537'

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22 "West Turks Head Peak" - 12,849'

- 22a. Molas Creek Couloirs

23 Twin Sisters - 13,430'

- 23a. South Face

COAL BANK PASS - 10,660'**24 Grayrock Peak - 12,504'**

- 24a. Camp Creek Chutes
- 24b. Gray Rock Mesa

25 Engineer Mountain- 12,968'

- 25a. East Face
- 25b. South Gully

26 Potato Hill - 11,871'

- 26a. Coal Bank Trees
- 26b. Spud Gun Chutes

27 Deer Creek Trees

- 27a. Deer Creek Trees

WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS**WEST NEEDLE MOUNTAINS****28 Snowdon Peak - 13,077'**

- 28a. Naked Lady Couloir
- 28b. Northwest Couloir

29 N3 - 12,618'

- 29a. East Chutes
- 29b. Watertank Canyon

30 Twilight Peak - 13,158'

- 30a. Mid Twilight Couloir

31 North Twilight Peak - 13,075'

- 31a. 4th of July Couloir
- 31b. North Couloir

32 West Needle Mountain - 13,062'

- 32a. Needleton Gully

GRENADIER RANGE**33 Electric Peak - 13,292'**

- 33a. North Couloir

34 Arrow Peak - 13,803'

- 34a. Northeast Ramp

35 Trinity Peak - 13,765'

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Rolling Mountain from Anvil West Ridge.
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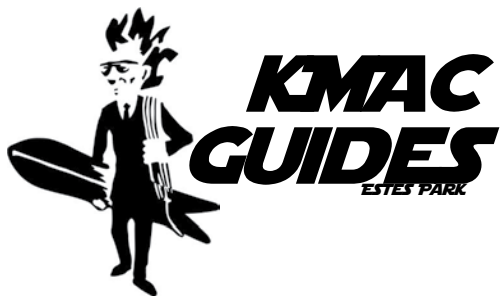
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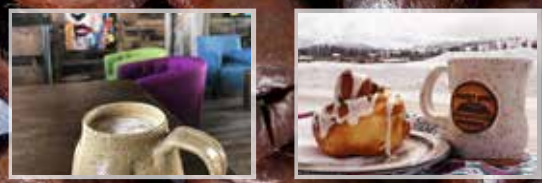


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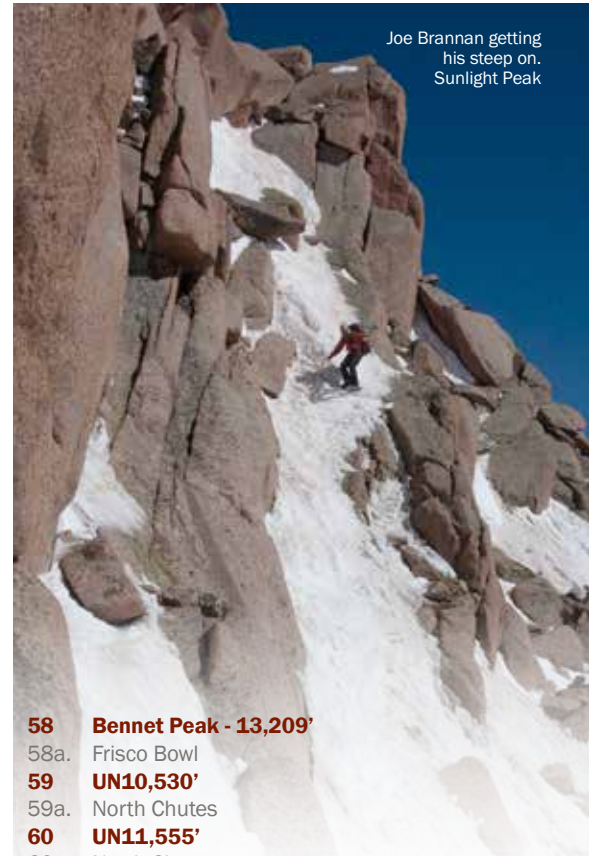
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- 38 Pigeon Peak - 13,972'**
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 - 38b. "South Pigeon Pk" Pigeon Creek
- 39 Mount Eolus 14,083'**
 - 39a. East Couloir
- 40 North Eolus - 14,039'**
 - 40a. South Face
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 - 41a. South Face
- 42 Windom Peak - 14,082'**
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- 44 Aztec Peak - 13,310'**
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- 45 "Columbine Pass Peak"**
 - 45a. Nucheloir
- 46 Echo Mountain - 13,309'**
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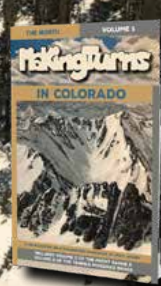
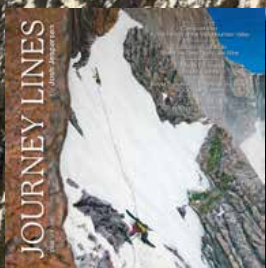
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 - 50b. Gut Canyon
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- 51 Irving Peak - 13,218'**
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- 52 Mount Oso - 13,684'**
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- 54 South River Peak - 13,148'**
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- 57 Pagosa Peak - 12,640'**
 - 57a. Southeast Chute



Joe Brannan getting his steep on. Sunlight Peak


- 58 Bennet Peak - 13,209'**
 - 58a. Frisco Bowl
- 59 UN10,530'**
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 - 60a. North Chutes
- 61 Montezuma Peak - 13,150'**
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- 67 Conejos Peak - 13,173'**
 - 67a. East Bowl
 - 67b. Three Forks
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- 69 Larry BM - 11,513'**
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- 70 Hansen Creek Chutes - 11,056'**
 - 70a. Hansen Creek Chutes
- 71 Chama Peak - 12,021'**
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Hesperus Mountain and Lavender Peak from Spiller's North Face.

CHALK MOUNTAINS

- 72 Flattop Mountain - 11,463'**
- 72a. Castle Creek Chute
- 73 Chalk BM - 12,031'**
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- 74 Navajo Peak - 11,323'**
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- 84c. Ohwiler Ridge Chutes
- 84d. Little Deadwood Gulch
- 84e. Neptune
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- 86a. Puzzle Pass East Face

LA PLATA MOUNTAINS

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- 77 Mount Moss - 13,192'**
- 77a. Tomahawk Face
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- 79 Babcock Peak - 13,149'**
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- 79b. South Couloirs
- 80 Spiller Peak - 13,123'**
- 80a. North Couloir
- 80b. SE Chute
- 81 Star Peak - 11,761'**
- 81a. Northeast Chutes
- 82 Madden Peak - 11,972'**
- 82a. Northeast Face
- 83 Parrot Peak - 11,875'**
- 83a. Parrot Creek
- 83b. Snowslide Gulch
- 83c. Root Creek
- 83d. Bay City Gulch
- 84 Deadwood Mountain - 12,285'**
- 84a. The Dragon
- 84b. Burnt Timber Creek

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- 87 Eagle Peak - 12,113'**
- 87a. Silver Creek Chutes
- 87b. North Chute
- 88 "North Eagle Peak" 11,528'**
- 88a. Johnny Bull Chute

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- 89 Harts Peak - 12,540'**
- 89a. Allyn Gulch
- 90 Dolores Mountain - 12,112'**
- 90a. Spear Slide
- 91 Whitecap Mountain - 12,376'**
- 91a. Deadwood Face
- 92 Landslip Mountain - 11,646'**
- 92a. Northeast Chutes
- 92b. Blue Bell Chute
- 93 Anchor Mountain - 12,327'**
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- 94 Expectation Mountain - 12,071'**
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- 95 Darling Ridge - 11,135'**
- 95a. North Alleys
- 96 Sandstone Mountain - 10,458'**
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Galena Mountain



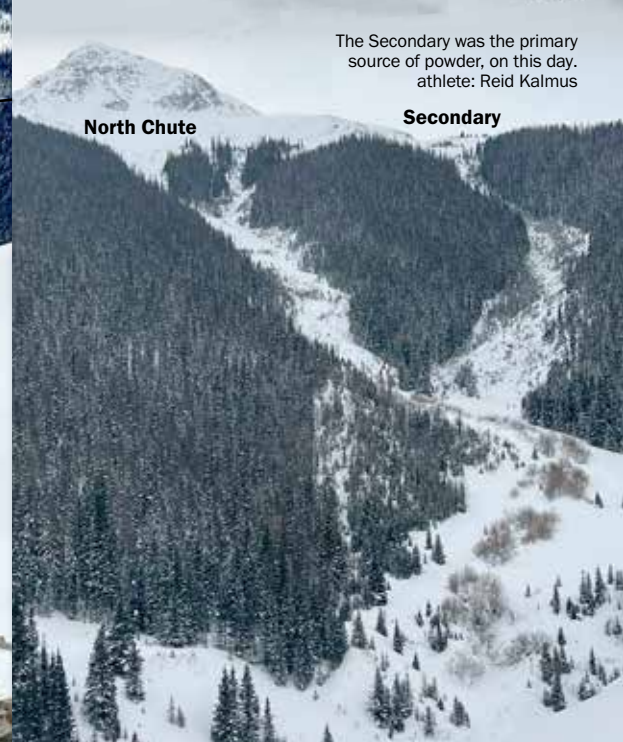
King Solomon Mountain

King Solomon Tree Shot

Vanesa Adame on Macomber wondering where the powder is, it's over there.



The Secondary was the primary source of powder, on this day. athlete: Reid Kalmus



North Chute

Secondary

10 "NORTH KING SOLOMON MOUNTAIN" - 13,045'

King Solomon's Mines by H. Rider Haggard, 1885, was a great adventure story of the day, and no doubt was the inspiration for the naming, the USGS record is lost. It has many mines on its flanks and we are grateful for them, for their old access road allow us to ski this sweet peak with relative ease. It's proximity to town allows one to ski these lines when the rest of the local access may be closed, like the road to Silverton Ski Area.

10a - "North King Solomon Mtn"	North Chute	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATEs 3	DISTANCE: 10.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 4,000'
SUNHIT: Sunrise	ASPECT: Northeast	SEASON: Spring
TRAILHEAD: Arrastra	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

From the Arrastra Trailhead skin ski down the road to the Animas. Cross the bridge and follow County Road 52 about .5 miles and leave the road, headed due west into the woods, and then southwest, aiming to meet back up with the road at about 10,600'. If you follow Co. 52 to the junction at .8 miles you have gone too far. A popular local map has the skin track following the road and it crosses a west facing avalanche slope twice, avoid this. Back on the road follow it to a switchback at 10,900 and leave the road for the Northwest Ridge, ascend to the summit if conditions merit, if not the NTL and BTL options are great in pow.

There are a couple options to enter the main chute, one is directly from the summit on the north peak, or one can traverse from treeline and either go into the direct main or take one of the sneaks as pictured, the sneaks have less exposure from above. When you bottom try and aim for a snow bridge to cross to the other side, then follow the road back to Co. 52.

10b - "North King Solomon Mtn"	Secondary Chute	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATEs 3	DISTANCE: 10.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 4,000'
SUNHIT: Sunrise	ASPECT: Northeast	SEASON: Spring
TRAILHEAD: Arrastra	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

If the North Chute is tracked out or you don't feel great about traversing to it you can ski the mellower Secondary Chute. It's still avalanche terrain and it slides but it is more protected by forest on its west flank. You can see evidence of less activity in the denser vegetation, One good wind event and the start zone loads up due to an opening in the ridge. The trees between Secondary and the tree shot are also fun if conditions don't merit skiing an avy path.

The start for this line is the same as the traverse for the lower North Chute. The lower chute faces more easterly than the rest of the line, the skier's left side can get cooked later in the season, watch out for sloppy wet slides.



Rob Laugner and Anne Branson discussing the route before we commit to the lower section.

54b - Wolf Creek Pass	Lobo Gully	
DIFFICULTY: Intermediate-Advanced	DISTANCE: 7.8 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 3,100'
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: Northeast	SEASON: Winter
TRAILHEAD: Wolf Creek Pass	MAP: Page 310	PHOTO: Page 216-217

This is the most direct route coming off of Lobo Overlook, it is pretty mild in this zone, but there are some serious traps to be aware of and avoid. With how deep the pass gets at times, this route is almost too flat for great skiing.

From the lot follow the trail leading to the saddle east of the Overlook. Turn left here and make your way up the road that leads to the Overlook Summit. Cross the Lobo Gully and leave the road on the other side. Follow the ridge South to the summit.

Drop into the gully and enjoy short, sweet, undulating sections to the road you skinned up. There are short start zones here also. The terrain gets more fun the lower you go, below the skin road, but the lower gully is a serious terrain trap. Use extreme care here, a better option would be to skin back up to Powerline, if your plan is to ski to the road, this is a better ridgeline option with less threat from above. Use extra care in this zone during windy days; there are a lot of dead trees standing, on one trip we saw multiple trees fall.

Lobo Overlook



Cruising in deep powder, early season. Below, there are terrain traps lower in this gully be aware of threats above you on your exit. athlete: Rob Laugner

82b - Parrot Peak	Snowslide Gulch	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATEs 3	DISTANCE: 3.2 - 4.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 2,500 - 3,100'
SUNHIT: Sunrise +2	ASPECT: N - NE & SE from Summit	SEASON: Winter
TRAILHEAD: Mayday	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

This is an amazing little zone that gets a ton of snow. There have been avalanche incidents in this drainage and a reported R5 slide in 2023 a few drainages north. From the parking at the winter closure, walk thru a few feet up the road and take an immediate left, west into the woods of the Bay City gulch. A skin track means up steep aspens, there are pockets here in the red so pay attention. The track makes its way up to the Southeast Ridge of Parrot which you could follow but the skiing is on the north facing slopes of the ridge, not on the peak objective.

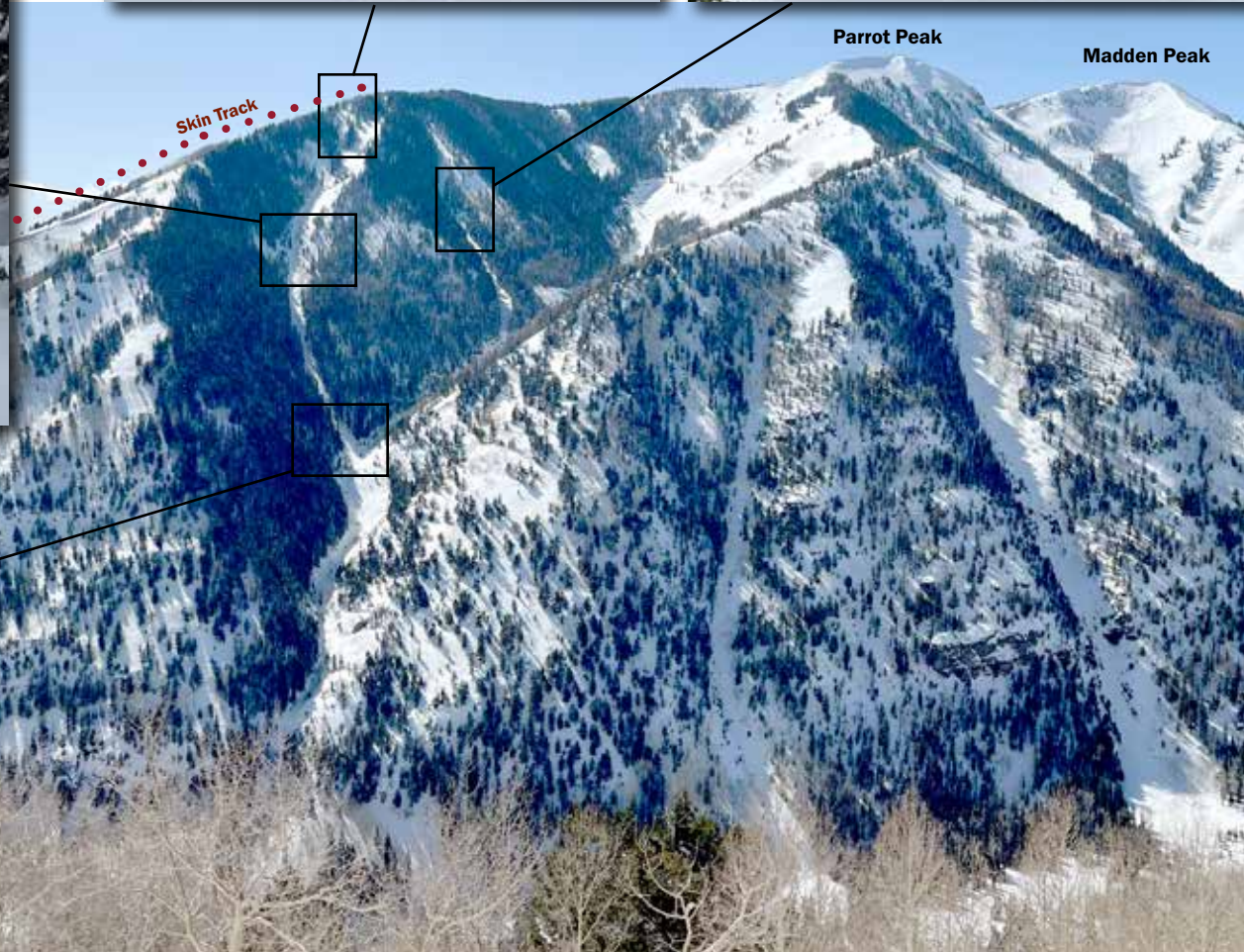
Multiple options descend from point 11,270' they range from steep trees and gullies from north through east facing. These paths slide so wait for a deep snowpack and stability. All lines lead to Snowslide Gulch. The sides of the lower gulch are steep and lower down on the egress there is a large icefall/waterfall. You can avoid this hazard to skier's left. Skier's right is cliffy and difficult to contour. ski to the road and skate back to the beers you left cooling in the snowbank



The entrance is steep, this is the start zone and this drainage has had avalanche accidents.



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Anne Branson just above the intersection with Snowslide Creek.