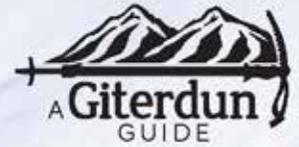
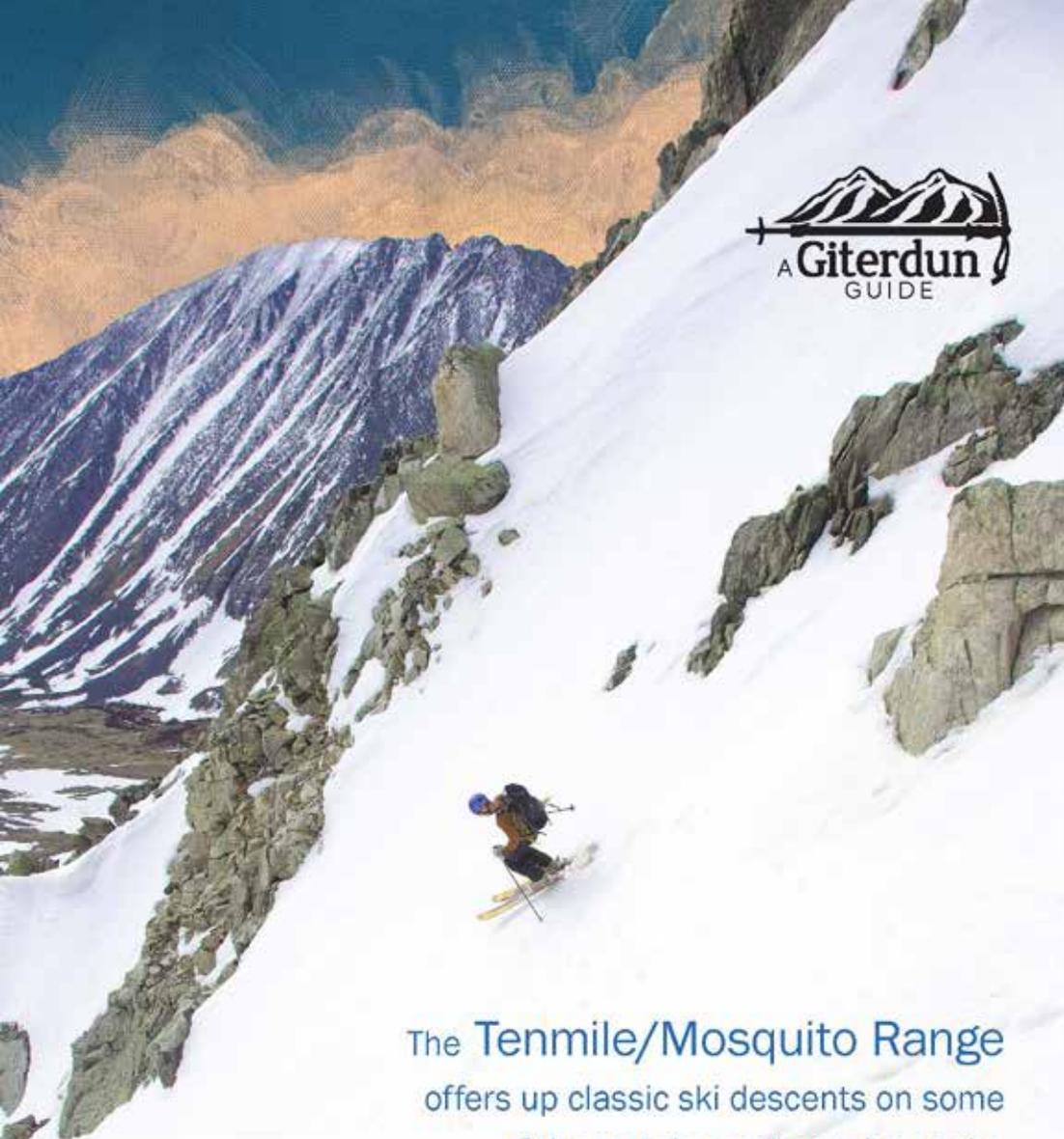
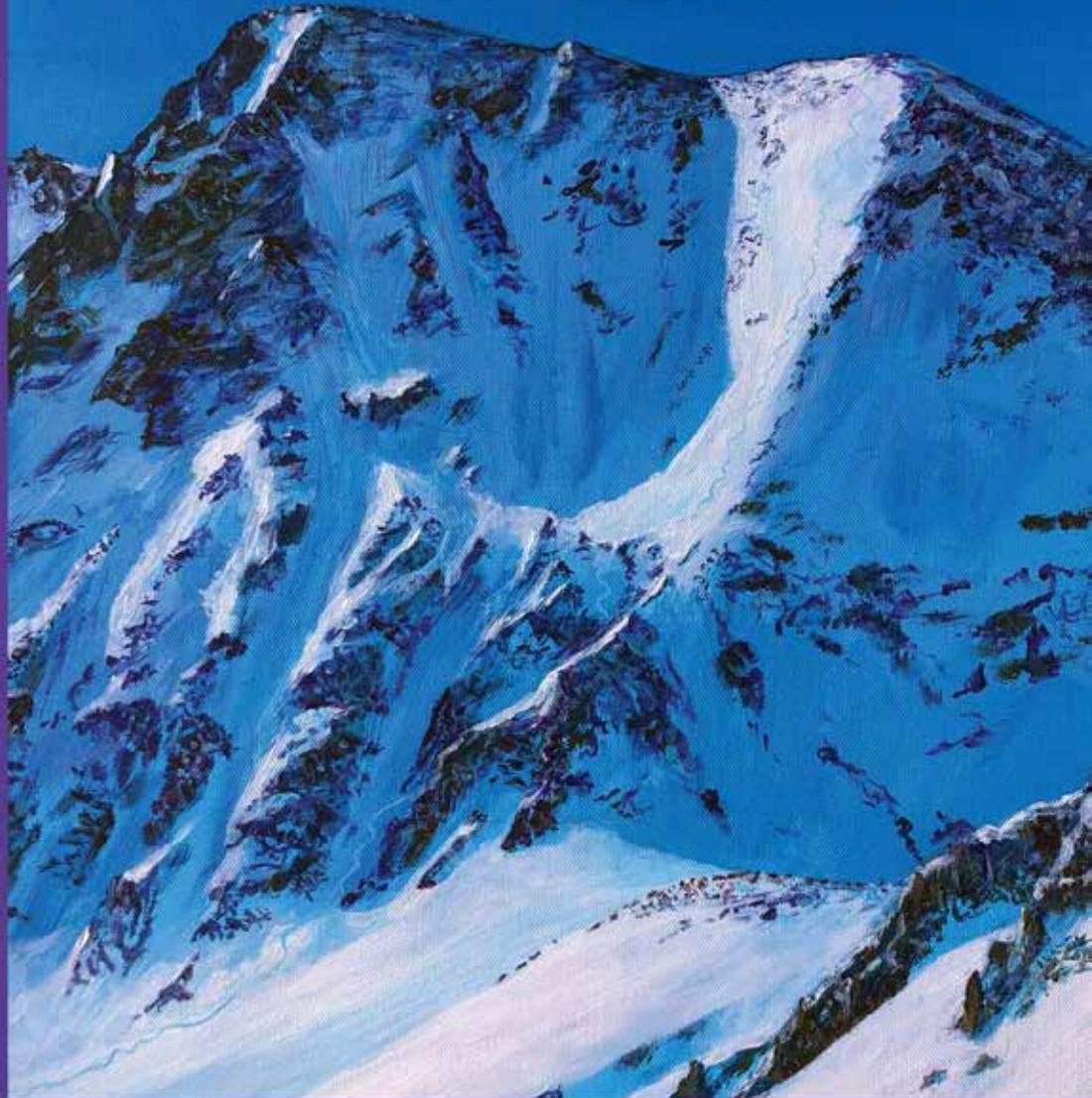


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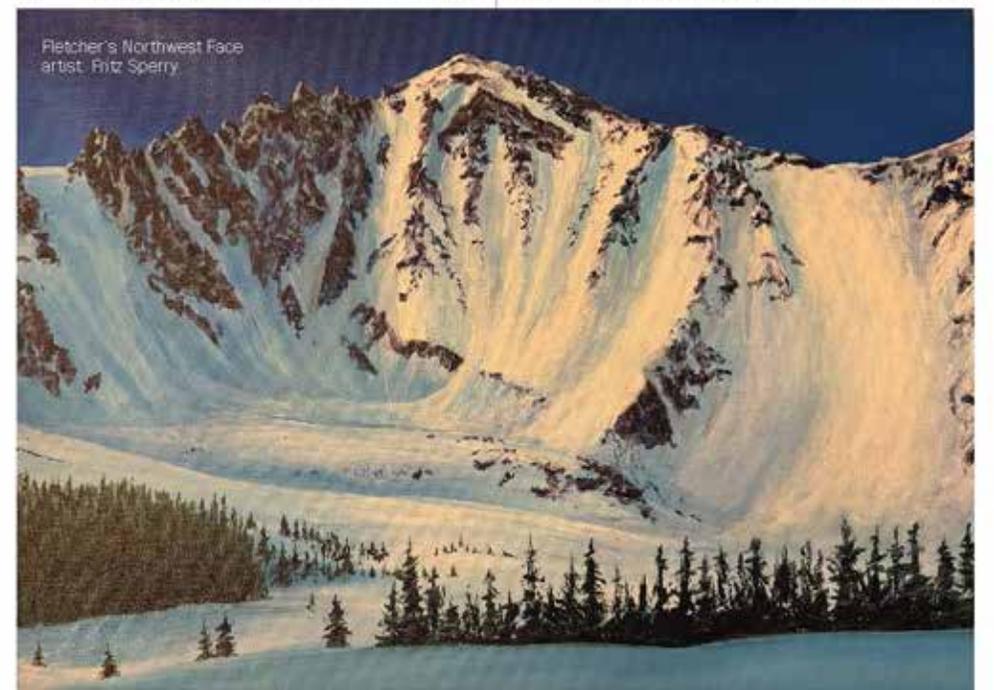
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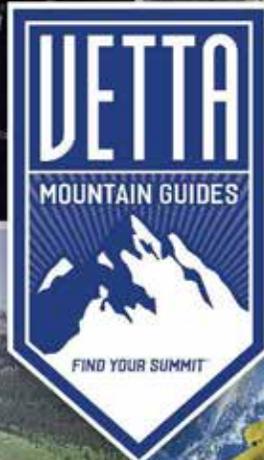
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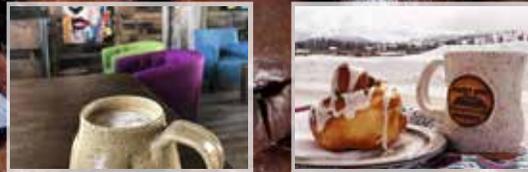
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SEASON: WINTER

EASY	ATES	INTERMEDIATE—ADVANCED.....	ATES
17Ec Berthoud Pass/Seven Mile Trail	1	2a Mount Trelease/The Boulevard	1
		3b Mount Bethel/North Saddle Gully	3
		14b Butler Gulch/Hourglass Gully	3
		37a Eldora Backcountry/Lost Lake Bowl	1-3
INTERMEDIATE	ATES	INTERMEDIATE TO EXPERT	ATES
2c Mount Trelease/North Gullies & Trees	2	17Wd Berthoud Pass/Mainline/The Roll	1-3
7b Mt. Machebeuf/Watrous Gulch Glades	1	17We Berthoud Pass/80s/90s/100s	2-3
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1c - Mount Royal	Dirty Books	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced/ATES 3	DISTANCE: 5.7 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 3,000'
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: Northwest	SEASON: Spring
TRAILHEAD: Mount Royal	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 174-176

As with the previous route, make your way to the summit of Royal Mtn. via the Royal Mtn. Trail. Take the cut-off out of the 2nd Avenue parking lot and meet up with the actual Royal Mtn. Trail. There is a really good view of Dirty Books at the T intersection of the cut-off and the main trail. As with Hummingbird, I like to ski this line from the top after hiking or skinning around. The trees at the top are awesome. There's a bit of dead fall to play on when the snow pack is deep, and I generally like to minimize my time in harm's way. By skinning around you spend only the time you ski the route in the "danger zone". While climbing the route from the bottom up, you end up spending more than an hour, plus your skiing time, at risk from slides, rockfall and other calamities.

Take the right fork after about 3/4 of a mile and work your way to the ridge. Follow this ridge to the actual summit and change over here. Again using the fall-line as your guide, leave the summit following the direction of the arrow in the previous route description. Playing the fall-line as 12 o'clock, try and follow a line of 10 o'clock. Keep this line for about 300' vert. At this point begin looking for the couloir's left wall. Let the line suck you in. It's very important not to fall in this couloir. Near the bottom of the actual couloir the line splits. The actual direct line ends in 20-40' foot cliffs. A tumble would be painful. At the last section of rock there is a spine. Taking the skier's right avoids the cliffed out section. The steepest section of this route is about 50°. The average steepness is around 46°. Remember that due to this route's lower elevation and aspect the lower apron of this line can heat up very early. Watch for roller balls and wet slides as well as rock fall from the cliffs around you.

Should you choose the cliff option, remember that the skier's right is a small drop and the skier's left is larger. Once past these zones enjoy a nice open area before the small aspens choke things off. The trees between Dirty Books and Hummingbird offer the easiest out. Pass over the trail for more turns before meeting back up with the cutoff and making your way back to the parking lot. Remember to start early for this .



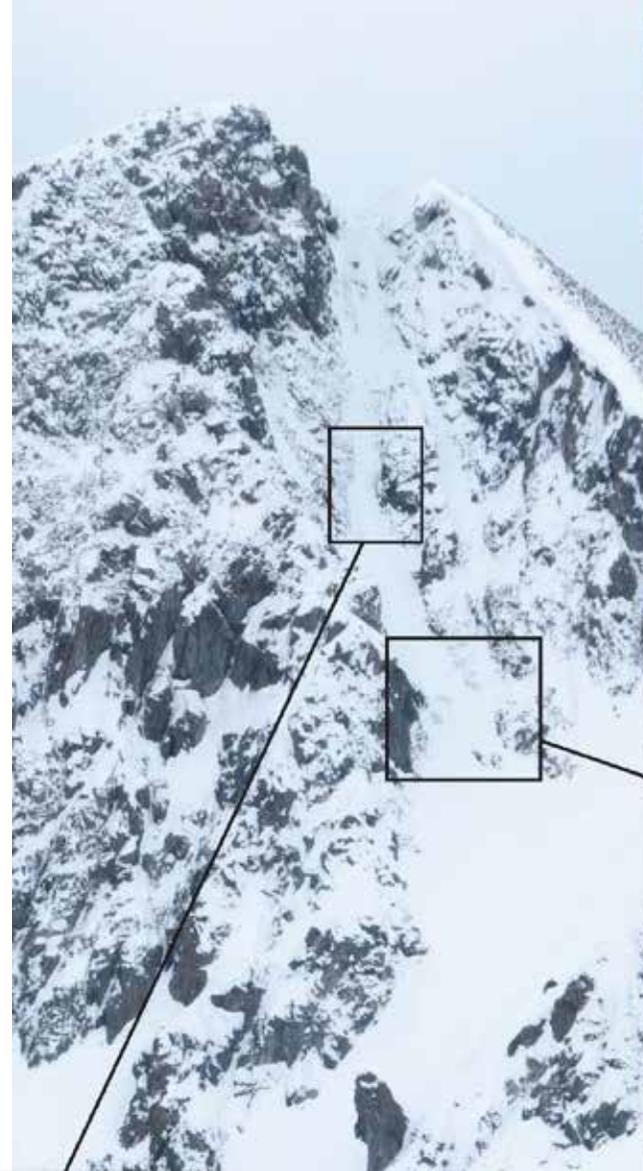
15 PACIFIC PEAK – 13,950'

The 61st highest mountain in Colorado, and the second highest 13er in this book, offers up some great routes for the ski-mountaineer. Access to this peak is year-round however, the steep nature of the lines makes for safe skiing in the Spring and Summer. This mountain holds one of the classics of the range, though timing can be an issue. Due to great loading patterns, the lines on this mountain hold snow later than most other areas in the Tenmile Range. One great thing about the ski routes on this peak is that generally once you get beyond the Mohawk Lakes you tend to not see many people. Most visitors to this area seem to be clustered around the lakes or the higher peaks to the south.

14a – Pacific Peak	North Couloir	
DIFFICULTY: Advanced ATEs 3	DISTANCE: 10.5 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 4,000'
SUNHIT: Sunrise	ASPECT: Northeast	SEASON: Spring
TRAILHEAD: Miners Creek	MAP: Page 307	PHOTO: Page 196-197

This route is a real pain. In fact, I haven't skied it completely. I wanted to, and I've skied every other route in this book. Considering just how classic this route is, I decided to include it anyway. I've attempted it three times, and managed to ski three quarters of it after turning around due to ice. Timing is the main issue for not getting it done. The upper portion is deeply inset and protected from sunhit for most of the day. This can make finding good snow conditions in the super steep, upper section very difficult to time with avy safe snow conditions in the lower, less inset zones that begin heating up at sunrise. If you try and get into it too early the upper section won't be consolidated. Too late, and yearly rock fall will turn the upper section into a rock strewn mess. Another issue with waiting too long is that the upper section can turn to ice.

From the Spruce Creek Trailhead, skin up the road to its end at the water tunnel. Enter the woods and skin up the Mohawk Lakes Trail. Pass Mayflower Lake and pick a nice line up the steep slopes above. Once at the first bench, you will pass Lower Mohawk Lake. There's an easy slope on the west side of the lake. Skin this slope up to the bench. Keep heading back into the valley. At the southwest end of the valley is Pacific Peak. The entrance to the couloir is pictured on the following pages. I'd advise you to climb the route before you ski it. This way you can assess the conditions of the upper section and see what the snow is like first hand. Coming in from the top makes it very difficult to ascertain the exact nature of the snow conditions, (not exactly what you want on 50°+ slopes with rockwalls to punish any mistakes.) This route has a left turning dogleg and a distinctive thumb-like pinnacle. Though the route is called the North Couloir, only the upper section faces north. Below the upper section's dogleg the couloir feeds into an east facing gully. Then the fall line pulls you down and to the right. Just after the dogleg you will be in the sun and you should expect a dramatic change in snow conditions. Be sure that you are in this zone early enough in the day to avoid wet slides.



34 MOUNT ARKANSAS – 13,795'

Mount Arkansas is another victim of the current list-checking trend. This peak sees far less people than it deserves. Coming in at 108th on the list of Colorado's highest peaks, it falls just short of the Centennial 13ers list and therefore is off the hit lists of many. As you crest the summit of Freemont Pass, you get a great view of this peak standing guard over the valley. The ski line can't be seen from here but you can get a great view at one of the

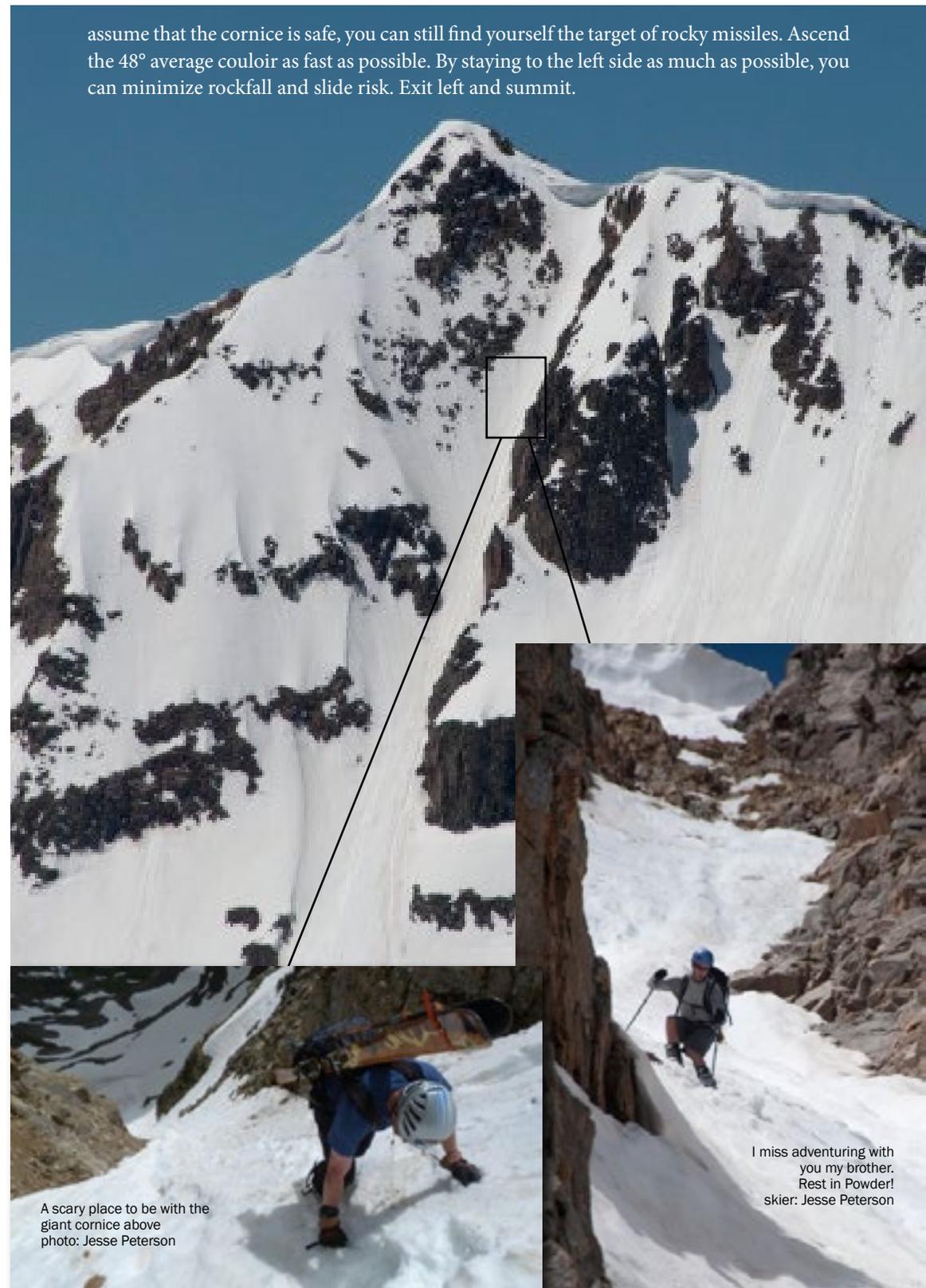
34a- Mount Arkansas		Moonshine Couloir	
DIFFICULTY: Expert	DISTANCE: 7.8 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 3,100'	
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: Northwest	SEASON: Spring	
TRAILHEAD: Climax Corner	MAP: Page 310	PHOTO: Page 216-217	

The Moonshine Couloir is one of the most aesthetic lines in the range. Access to this classic is very easy and there are 2 great options for getting to the top of the line. From the Climax trailhead, begin skinning up the road on the right. Follow around some switch backs to a 4-way intersection. Take the far right that goes up the hill; this can be driven once the snow melts out. This is a Forest Service easement through Climax Mine land. Please stay on the road through this area as it is private property. Follow this road through the trees. Once you emerge from the thicker forest and get through the willow "hallway," you will come to decision making time. The top of the Moonshine Couloir is guarded by a massive cornice. Many people feel that couloirs should be climbed before they are skied. I believe that safety should dictate the best method for accomplishing a goal. Climbing below a cornice of this size is very dangerous. While climbing, you will find yourself in harm's way far longer than you would if you were just skiing the line. An average pace up this 700' couloir would put you in the crosshairs for almost an hour. This route should only be ascended once you know that the bulk of the cornice has already fallen. This can be a bit of a problem to ascertain. The only good views of this route are from neighboring peaks and their flanks. You get an amazing view of the line from Mount Democrat. The view from McNamee Peak is also very good. You needn't climb all the way to the summit of McNamee though, should you just be looking for beta on the Moonshine's current condition.

Should you decide to ascend the ridge, head south up the hill just past the willow "hallway." This will put you into a sub-basin just west of the rocky buttress, south of the road. Make your way up to the head of this basin and the Northwest Ridge. The head of this basin gets moderately steep and crampons might be preferred by some parties. Once on the ridge, follow its undulations to the summit. Care should be taken near the cornice. If you need to check out the couloir, you can get a better view of it from the far side on the last summit pitch. Inspect this summit pitch for the feasibility of a ski descent. The direct line is a no-fall zone with a potentially fatal consequence for mistakes to skier's right. Some years, it's possible to ski around the south side to the couloir entrance to skier's right of the cornice.

The alternative ascent to the ridge would be to ascend the couloir itself. About a 1/4 mile past the willow "hallway," you will find yourself directly north of the rock buttress. Look for a fork going southeasterly here. Follow this road up through the trees and into the Moonshine's basin. If you stay on the road the whole time, it will lead you into the right area below the unnamed lake. However, this circuitous road will add time and it's easier to just take a more direct route. Once you make it to the base of the couloir, the line is apparent. It's best to change over to crampons out of the line of fire of the couloir. Even though you

assume that the cornice is safe, you can still find yourself the target of rocky missiles. Ascend the 48° average couloir as fast as possible. By staying to the left side as much as possible, you can minimize rockfall and slide risk. Exit left and summit.



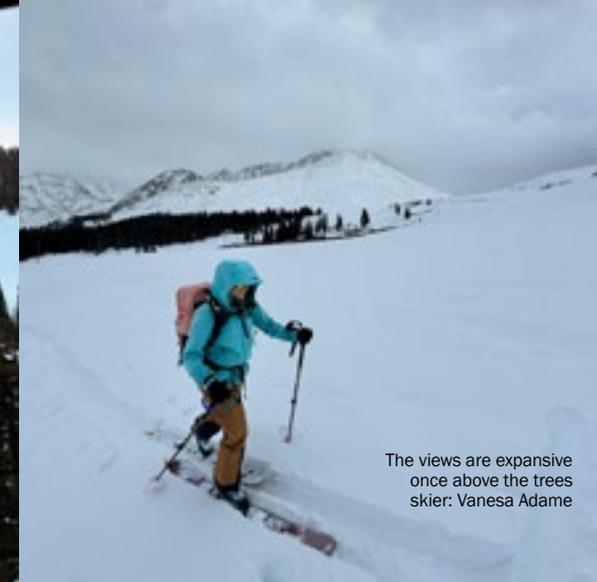
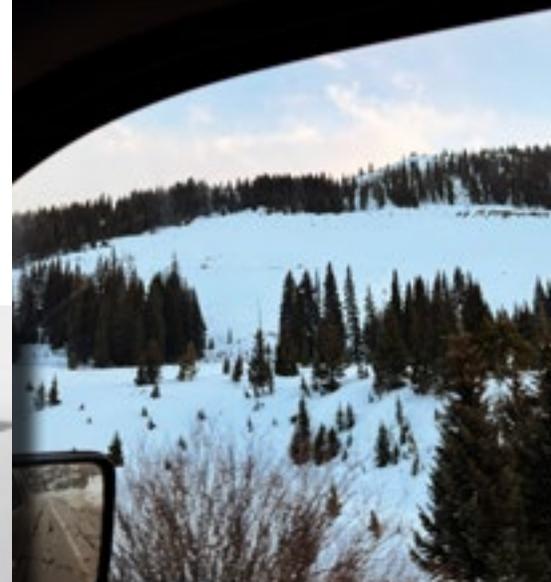
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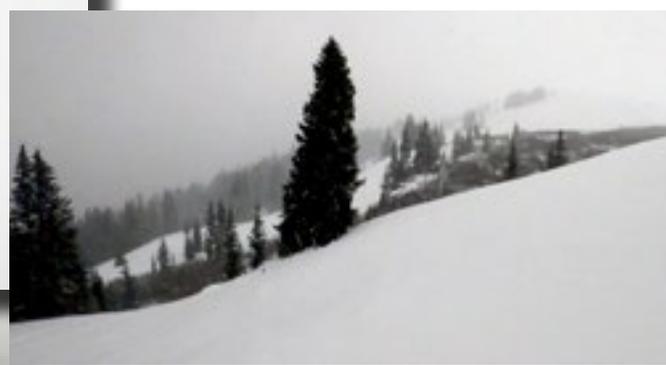
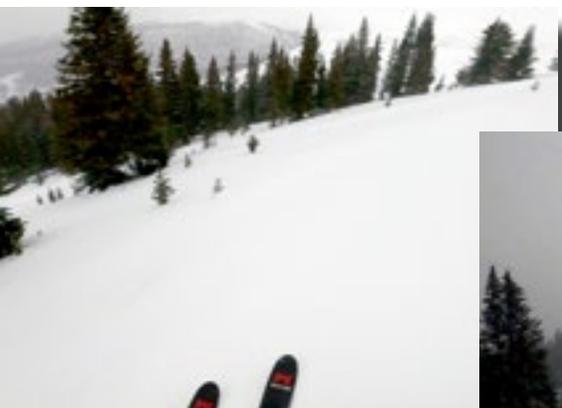
34b- Mount Arkansas		Climax Corner	
DIFFICULTY: Int. to Exp. ATEs 0-4	DISTANCE: 7.8 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 1,600'	
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: North to Northwest	SEASON: Winter	
TRAILHEAD: Climax Corner	MAP: Page 310	PHOTO: Page 216-217	

This is a fun zone for all levels, with mellow meadow skipping, dark trees and steeper avy paths. Access is great for the zone with parking at Climax Corner and Chalk Creek Road. There is a train track bed to follow but watch out for traversing it as it undercuts significant avy terrain, pictured from the highway, if the slope of the train track bed is connected, you're a sitting duck. Instead ski all the way back to the highway and hitch a ride or skin up the creek bed.

Many avalanche schools hold their classes here and the zone can hold a lot of old pits, keep these in mind while descending as not all of them get filled back in after being dug. A real problem if you're going fast and not paying attention. While most lines are very conservative here, the line described in this section is not: it can and does slide; do not be lulled into a sense of complacency with by the idea that its easy it must be safe"



The views are expansive once above the trees skier: Vanesa Adame



34c- Mount Arkansas	West Arakansas Fadeaway	
DIFFICULTY: Int. to Adv. ATEs 0-3	DISTANCE: 7.8 Miles Roundtrip	VERTICAL: 1,600'
SUNHIT: Sunrise + 3	ASPECT: North to Northwest	SEASON: Winter
TRAILHEAD: Chalk Mountain	MAP: Page 310	PHOTO: Page 216-217

This is a fun zone for all levels with mellow meadow skipping, dark trees and steeper avy paths. Access is great for the zone with parking at Climax Corner and Chalk Creek Road. There is a train track bed to follow but watch out for traversing it as it undercuts significant avy terrain if the slope is connected you're a sitting duck in there if using it or return to the upper Climax Corner Parking.

I like parking at the Chalk lot because you get more vert. The creek is easiest to cross lower down from the parking at a gated dirt road. Cross the wills and pick one of a few nice tubes or just ski the trees. There are plenty of open shots in here from 20 to 340 degrees so the menu has choices for all conditions and varieties of avalanche danger. You can see a lot from the lot.

From Climax Corner do an ascending travers from the lot and pick your poison. There are usually avy classes happening here. Give them hell if they don't fill in their



Excellent terrain in this zone. But watch for wind effected snow up high. skier: Vanesa Adame

