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proposed bolt

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Heart of  
bowl

Rush Creek

emerging strata

not always here

# **Bolt Addition to Route Proposal- "Heart of Gold" Hawk-Eagle Ridge.**

## **Information from Applicant**

### **Overview**

The Fixed Hardware Review Committee has received the following information from the applicant.

**Application Type-** Addition of bolt to existing route.

**Location-** This route is located 2/3 of the way up Hawk-Eagle Ridge.

**Approach-** Via Redgarden East Slab chockstone to Hawk-Eagle Ridge climber trail.

**Difficulty and Length-** The pitch is 5.12a and 100 feet in length.

**Description** This is a proposal to add a bolt on the upper section of this sport pitch. The route was attempted on lead several times (two stray bolts exist to the left of the mid-pitch anchor) and eventually installed from rappel. There are presently 13 bolts on the route: 10 protection bolts, a 2-bolt anchor at the top, and a second bolt at the 4th bolt, creating a mid-pitch anchor (not required for rappelling from top with a 60m rope). Above the 8th bolt (counting the 2 bolts at the mid-pitch anchor) is a 25-foot runout on 5.8/5.9 ground. Most climbers bring only quickdraws on the pitch, and are surprised to have to runout this section. Climbers who have brought gear have found a marginal cam placement approximately 10 feet right of the climbing line in the vicinity of the proposed bolt addition. The runout is very out-of-character with the well-bolted remainder of the pitch. The first ascensionist has given approval to this proposal.

**Fixed Gear-** The applicant proposes to install 1 stainless steel bolt between the 8th and 9th bolts on the pitch.

**Rock Quality and Independence of Line-** The route has excellent quality of rock and is an independent line.

## **Information from FHRC**

### **Factors in Favor**

**Independent Line-** The proposed route is an independent line.

**Direct Line-** The proposed route climbs directly up the obvious prow.

**Good Rock-** The route has good rock.

**Interesting combination of moves-** The route has an interesting variety of face climbing moves mostly in the 5.11 range.

**Safety-** The addition of a bolt will make the lead safe for climbers equipped for a sport pitch (i.e. quickdraws only).

**Location-** The route is located 2/3 up Hawk-Eagle Ridge.

**Aesthetic Position-** The climb scales a beautiful feature and is one of the best pitches on Hawk-Eagle Ridge.

The addition of the bolt was approved and sanctioned by the first ascensionist of the line, who felt he should have installed the additional bolt at the time of the first ascent.

### **Factors Against**

**Altered Routes-** The route has not been chipped or chiseled in any way.

**Rock Quality-** Not an issue/excellent rock

**Protection Reachable from Neighboring Routes-** This is not an issue.

**Natural Protection Possibilities-** There is a marginal cam placement 10 feet right of the proposed bolt.

The route has been led in its present condition by Eldorado climbers competent at the grade

### **Neutral Factors**

**Dangerous Routes-** The addition of a bolt will not create a dangerous route.

**Ability to top rope-** The route cannot be easily top roped.