



Future of Fixed Anchors II Conference

April 1 & 2 – Las Vegas, NV

Friday, April 1

Bonnie Springs Wild West Theme Park: [16935 Bonnie Springs Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89124](http://www.bonniesprings.com)

8:30am – 9:00am	<u>Morning Networking & Attendee Sign In</u> (Coffee & light breakfast provided)
9:00am – 9:30am	<u>Access Fund Welcome – Setting the Stage</u> (Brady Robinson, AF Executive Director & Ty Tyler, AF Stewardship Director)
9:30am – 10:30am	<u>Wait, What?! We used to always bolt/re-bolt here!</u> (Erik Murdock-AF Policy Director; Jason Keith-AF Senior Policy Advisor National Fixed Anchor Policy Current management trends & implications
10:30am – 10:45am	<u>Break</u>
10:45am – 12:00pm	<u>What's the Risk?</u> (Mason Baker – SLCA) Presentation highlighting the current trends & challenges in liability & insurance as it relates to fixed anchor placement/replacement
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<u>Lunch</u> (provided)
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<u>LCO Panel – Leveraging Your Community</u> (Moderator: Zachary Lesch-Huie, AF Affiliate & SE Regional Director) Community fee for service models: Chris Vinson (Central Texas Mountaineers) Re-bolting techniques with hand drill – Bruce Hillenbrand (Friends of Pinnacles) Bad bolt & replacement reporting & tracking – Greg Kuchyt (CRAG VT) Crag wide replacement events & vol training - Jason Haas (Boulder Climbing Community) Regional glue-in adoption: Ian Kirk (Red River Gorge Fixed Anchor Initiative)
2:30pm – 2:45pm	<u>Break</u>
2:45pm-4:30pm	<u>Panel – These Are Our Standards</u> – (Moderator: Joe Sambataro, AF Access & NW Regional Director) Removal Practices – Greg German (Action Committee for Eldorado) Managing a Replacement Program – Kenny Parker (New River Alliance of Climbers) Agency Partnerships in development/replacement – Mike Whelan (Thacher SP, NY) UIAA released recommendations – Brady Robinson (Access Fund)
4:30pm-5:00pm	<u>Wrap-up and next steps</u> - (Brady Robinson)
5:00pm-7:00pm	<u>Dinner</u> (provided)

Saturday, April 2

Spring Mountain Ranch Pavilion: [6375 Nevada 159, Blue Diamond, NV 89004](http://www.springmountainranch.com)

9:00am – 12:00pm	<u>Demonstrations: Hardware & Methods</u> (Coffee, drinks, & light breakfast provided)
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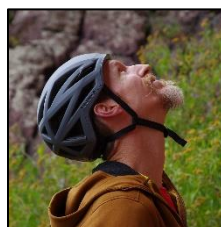
	Removing wedge anchors and reusing the hole Placing and removing Powers sleeve anchor and Legacy bolt Hand drilling & Wilderness skills Core drilling
12:00pm	<u>Event Raffle</u>



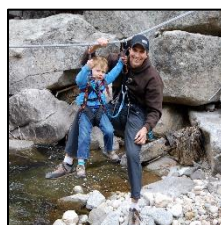
**2016 Future of Fixed Anchors II
Presenters & Panelists**



Mason Baker is General Counsel for Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems. Mr. Baker holds a law degree from the University of Utah and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Colorado College. Mason holds a certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law from the University of Utah and is the Chair of the Board of the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance. Mason enjoys rock climbing throughout the West with his wife and two dogs.



Greg German is a guitar maker in Broomfield, CO. He became interested in replacing aging hardware in Eldorado Canyon in 2012 after joining the Action Committee for Eldorado. Designing and repairing musical instruments might not sound like a complimentary pursuit but luthiers often are forced to manufacture their own tools for very odd jobs. Extracting bolts is a particularly fun challenge.



Jason Haas runs Fixed Pin Publishing in Boulder CO and spearheads the bolt replacement program for the Boulder Climbing Community. He has organized an annual rebolting event for the last four years where an entire crag has the hardware replaced. He has learned a tremendous amount in that time, including logistics (for even multipitch crags), fundraising, training volunteers, and working with land managers. Jason wrote the rebolting material found on the Access Fund's website, which he hopes will be a living document that will continuously get improved and updated as the community's knowledge base and best practices expand.



Bruce Hildenbrand splits his time between the Silicon Valley and Boulder, Colorado. A climber for 43 years he has been rebolting routes for over 28 years mostly in California (Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Pinnacles National Park, etc.) and Colorado (Boulder Canyon, Flatirons, Eldorado Canyon, Clear Creek Canyon, Estes Park Valley, etc.). Bruce has been President of Friends of Pinnacles for over 20 years and because most of his rebolting work in California is in National Parks he believes that hand drilling is for hard men and women only.



Jason Keith is the Access Fund's Senior Policy Advisor based in Moab, UT. JK has played a historic role in the policy scene in the US for more than a decade, leading the way for positive recreation management and land manager relations.



Ian Kirk has been climbing since the early 1990's. In 1998 he moved to Ohio to pursue graduate school and soon after made the Red River Gorge his home crag. Ian took an 8 year hiatus from climbing and returned to climbing in 2010. The Red had changed significantly in those 8 years with rapid development, aging of zinc plated hardware, and proliferation of mank. In 2012, he started the Red River Gorge Fixed Gear Initiative (RRG FGI) in an effort to educate the community on the dangers of fixed gear. In the fall of 2013 the RRG FGI had their first fundraiser to partially subsidize stainless steel hardware for new development.

It was the beginning of a paradigm shift in the development and management of fixed gear in the RRG. The RRG FGI partnered the climbing community with developers and industry to proactively provide sustainable bolting solutions in the RRG. Since 2013, the RRG FGI is proud to have raised over \$40,000 allowing the purchase of approximately 4500 stainless steel bolts for both new development and for rebolting in the RRG.



Greg Kuchyt currently lives just outside Burlington, Vermont where he works as an over-subscribed and under-caffeinated systems administrator for The University of Vermont. Greg officially unofficially represents CRAG-VT and the Northwestern Vermont climbing community. He masochistically taught himself to bolt by hand in order to work on a fool-hearted project in northern New York. He began replacing bolts about a year and half ago, and in a testament to his penchant for torture has laboriously effected the replacement of 146 bolts solo. Greg attempted an ill-fated season of ski mountaineering racing this year and discovered a great deal of respect for climbers of the lycra era and that he himself unsurprisingly does not look

good in spandex



Erik Murdock is the Policy Director at the Access Fund. An avid, well-traveled climber for over two decades, Erik has a MS in Geology and a PhD in Natural Resource Studies with a minor in Environmental Psychology. He has worked for the University of Arizona, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the USDA Forest Service and the National Park Service. While working at Joshua Tree National Park, Erik completed a 3-year quantitative and qualitative study on fixed anchors in wilderness. Erik, along with his wife and 4 year old daughter, temporarily resides in Washington DC where he is a weekend warrior who dreams of moving back to Arizona.



Kenny Parker has been climbing for almost 35 years and has been putting up new routes for 30 of them. He has humbly done hundreds of 1st ascents and has rebolted at least another 100. Kenny has owned and operated Water Stone Outdoors with Gene Kistler for over 20 years and was involved in the establishment of NRAC and has served as a board member of NRAC for 15 years or more. Established and maintained NRAC's anchor replacement program for it's entire lifespan year to date. Kenny survived the bad fashion years of climbing without ever having worn lycra!!!



Chris Vinson is the Director of Sales and Marketing at ClimbTech, a US manufacturer of Fall Protection and Climbing Hardware. Chris is an avid climber and outdoor enthusiast. He is also a member of his LCO in Austin, TX and a member of the Reimers Ranch Routes Committee. Chris has experience bolting, rebolting and working with LCOs all over the country. He has an understanding of the best practices of several crags all over the county.



Mike Whelan has has been hiking, climbing and exploring wilderness areas on 4 continents since the 1980s. Currently he lives and plays in the Rockies most of the year and spends the rest of the year in his native Northeast or at his other home in the

Carpathian Mountains of Romania. Mike, like many young kids in the Albany area, started his fascination with cliffs and steep terrain at Thacher Park as a toddler and child. After climbing on limestone in the West and Eastern Europe he saw the potential at Thacher despite the snarled government regulations afflicting New York State. Mike and Gabe Miani approached the state at a time when they began to finally try to modernize their approach to land management. This became the start of the Thacher Climbing Coalition in 2012.