



2025

Annual Report

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The EICC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to climber education, land stewardship, and preserving climbing access in Eastern Idaho.

➤ EICC Board as of December 2025

President: Thierry Legrain; Vice-President: Troy Neu; Treasurer: Jack Brennan; Secretary & Equipment Coordinator: Vernon Phinney; Board Member: Shaun Johnson, Wyatt Holmes, Mike Krumberger, Deven Lewis, Brenna Miller; CRAG representative: Mike Engle; ISU Climbing Club representative: Bryce Walker

➤ Do you want to make an impact on southeast Idaho climbing?!?

Contact Thierry (thierry.legrain@eastidahoclimbers.com) for more info.

➤ Membership

As of 12/1/25, our emailing list contains two hundred and eighty-five (285) contacts who have voiced an interest in the EICC. Only thirty-five (36) of those are members who have donated within the past twelve months.

➤ Treasury

Sufficient funds to purchase WAG bags for the Fins, and hardware, tools, for route maintenance. Please go to <https://www.eastidahoclimbers.com> to make a donation or to become a member.

➤ Activities

▪ The Fins

We continued the WAG bag project in cooperation with the Southern Idaho Climbers Coalition (SICC). Three dispensers were placed in May and removed in November; one at the Corral, one at the Mortal Earth parking lot, and one on the trail to the Headwall. The EICC and SICC jointly provided all the WAG bags, and with volunteers help refilled the dispensers. Over 500 bags were provided, helping to remove human waste from this fragile environment. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out with this project.

▪ South Park and Pointless crag cleanup

Although well kept by climbers and other users, in May several EICC volunteers donated their time to pick up trash at these crags. The EICC provided breakfast. Thank you to all who came out and helped.

▪ Ross Park discussions

In June, we started a discussion with the Parks and Recreation department of Pocatello to help preserve the climbing resources at Ross Park. We are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding to allow us to repair, maintain, and enhance climbs there. Several EICC volunteers also helped out for the City's summer Youth Rock Climbing program there.

▪ Preserving access to the Idaho Department of Lands Massacre climbing area

We are researching and formulating a possible permanent legal easement to the BLM northwest access to Massacre. Currently, we travel through private land to reach the NW gate. The EICC is working on providing all users, unencumbered access to these BLM and IDL managed lands in the future.

- **Route maintenance**

With hardware and tools provided by the EICC, several volunteers replaced old bolts and anchors on about 30+ routes at Massacre, Box Canyon, and at other crags. Much of the hardware was donated to the EICC by ASCA (see below). Thank you to all the volunteers who donate their free time to maintain the routes, and keep them safe for all of us. Contact us for a list of the recently maintained routes.

- **Hosting at the Idaho Mountain Festival**

This year the IDMtnFest provided a free site for the EICC and SICC to host a table and tell the story of the Local Climbers Organization, and volunteers who work to preserve climbing in Eastern and Southern Idaho. Thank you Shaun Johnson for hosting the EICC table for the three day festival. We raffled off a rope, netted about \$260, and made new contacts.

- **EICC COR Camp and Climb**

A few members and guests braved the cold and wind at City Of Rocks this October to join the EICC at this event. We explored on Saturday, and climbed in the sun on Sunday. The EICC provides a free breakfast and camping sites; join us next year.

➤ **American Safe Climbing Association (ASCA)**

ASCA donates hardware to the EICC for anchor and route maintenance. Over the years they have provided us with \$1,000s of free material.

Please support them by making a donation at <https://safeclimbing.org/donate>

➤ **Climbing Resource Advisory Group (CRAG)**

The EICC is a board member of CRAG. Mike Engle is our representative on its board. CRAG was formed to help preserve the historical, cultural, recreational and natural resources of Castle Rocks State Park and City of Rocks National Reserve through education, advocacy, and actions. See our meeting minutes for updates.

➤ **2026 Events Calendar (tentative)**

- ❖ Jan 23 – 25: Hosting table at Banff Film Festival in Idaho Falls

- ❖ Help us by organizing a climbing related event in 2026!

**Thank you for your help and support in 2025.
Happy Climbing and Best Wishes in 2026!**

Volunteer and make it YOUR local climbing coalition:

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