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A first ascent is an artistic creation, the only moment when our imagination can work with original stone. It could only be done right once. --Jim Bridwell

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The Deuce
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Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **on:** June 05, 2006, 04:08:18 pm »

Free original A5 big wall hammer (lightly used) to the first person to post two Google Earth images (one from 5 miles up, showing the wall itself, and one from a 500 mile altitude showing the region with the wall location marked), which pinpoint the location of the unclimbed big wall pictured below.

Limit three entires per person. No clues on this one, save for the wall is over 2000 feet and the fact that I took the photograph.

Good Luck!

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« **Reply #1 on:** June 05, 2006,
05:39:15 pm »

I'm disqualifying myself just on the off chance that i get it right and then have an appearance of impropriety.

we can't have that without at least a few beers, and I'm still at work (tho you'd think i have with my spelling errors- edited).

oh, and there is also another excellent earth viewing site out there too...

the_dude

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 213



 **Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #2 on:** June 07, 2006,
03:05:46 pm »

Stumped.. Any other hints for us?

syrinx

A3 Fool



Posts: 136



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« **Reply #3 on:** June 07, 2006,
03:09:21 pm »

Which direction does the face face? What time of day is it? What is the altitude at the top?

Syrinx

Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction!

mso4man



Posts: 3



 **Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #4 on:** June 28, 2006,
08:13:02 am »

Hey guys better get crackin' on this one. I am about to devote too much time that I don't have to get me that hammer.

I have been trying to get one for quite a while and I am striking out big time.

So we'll see.

peace

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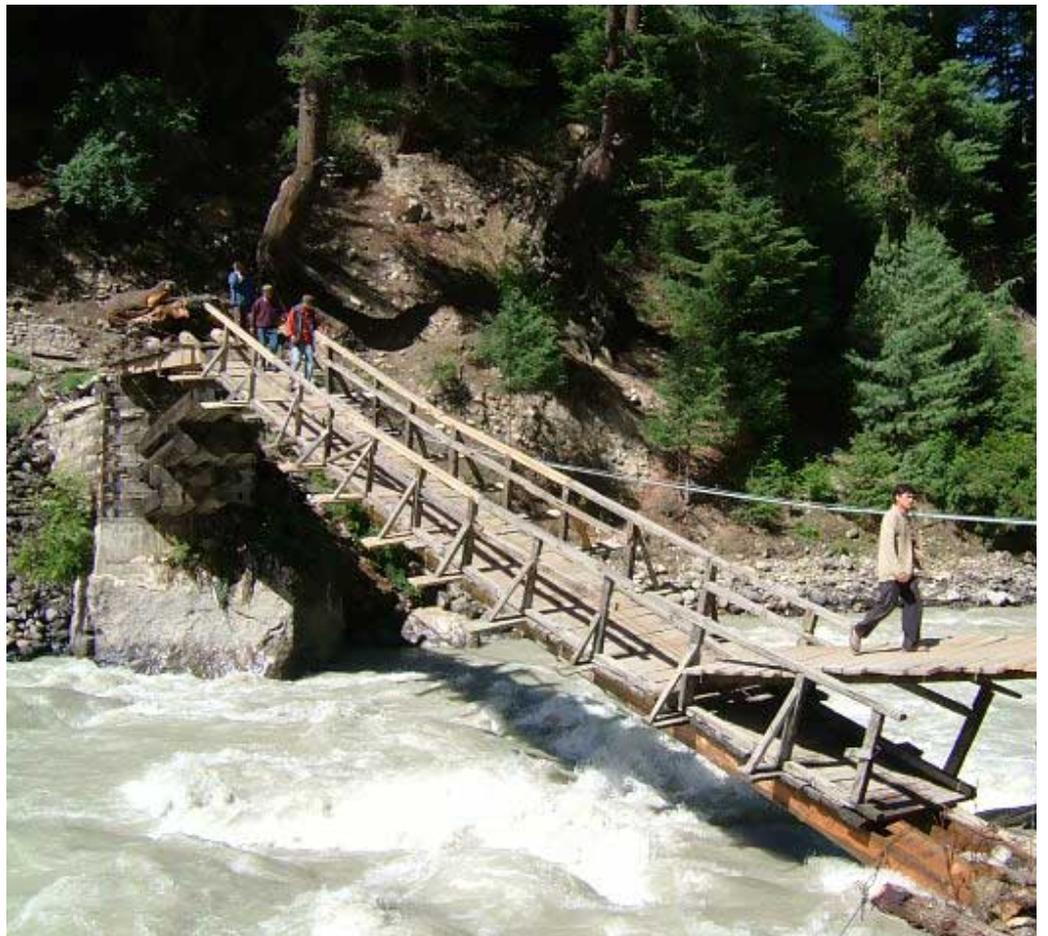
 **CLUES!**

« **Reply #5 on:** July 03, 2006, 10:33:07
am »

It looks like this contest is too difficult, so here's some more clues--additional pictures of the region:



Another shot of the wall showing local vegetation and architecture.



Locals crossing a bridge from the nearby village (you can see the wall from the village).



Another unclimbed wall in the same valley.

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Pete

Gumby



Posts: 12

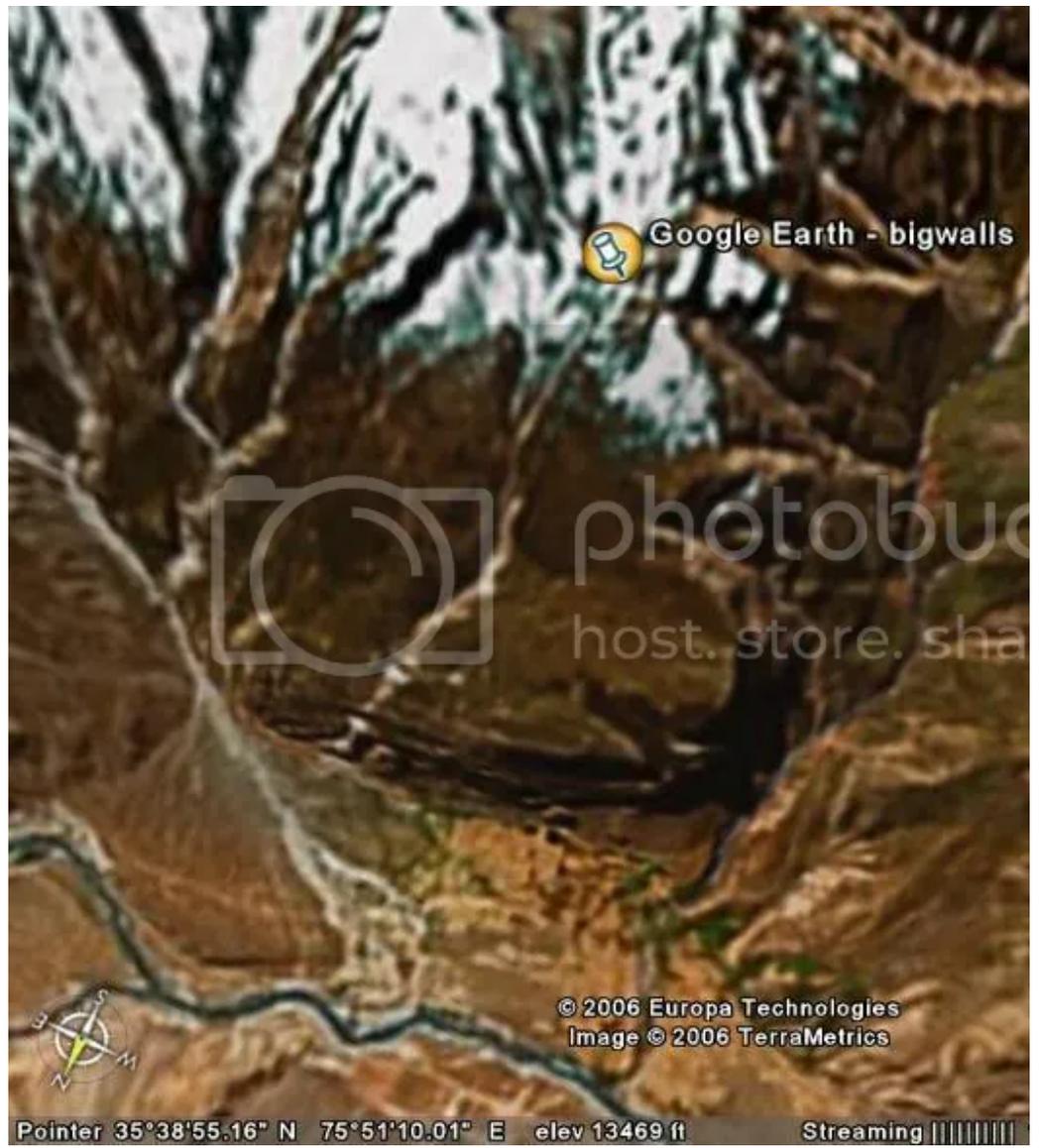


 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #6 on:** December 14, 2006,
03:51:45 am »

I know this is dredging up teh old topic, but I PM'd John and he said that along with the hammer there was beta on teh wall available, which sounds even better 😊

So this is my try:



Google Earth - bigwalls

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Pointer 35°38'55.16" N 75°51'10.01" E elev 13469 ft Streaming



Pete

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #7 on:** December 14, 2006, 09:25:15 am »

Pete, great try. Lukewarm. Correct continent.

cheers

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Strider

A1 fiend



Posts: 34



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #8 on:** December 15, 2006, 12:39:43 am »

Alright, here is my stab in the dark...well maybe not a stab in the "dark" since I spent the last 6 hours looking around on googleearth and doing reserach trying to

figure this out. But i am pretty sure i am not right so I am hoping for a few clues after this try...hint...hint....

-n

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #9 on:** December 15, 2006,
10:32:37 am »

You're getting warmer!

But no cigar...yet!

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Rags

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 177



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #10 on:** December 15, 2006,
10:44:45 am »

I searched for this yesterday. The "your getting warm" hint tells me I may have been very close.
However, I do not have Goofball Earth, and don't want to load it on my computer. John will you accept an entry from Goofball Maps?

Did you know that India contains 20% of the worlds granite? I didn't till yesterday.
Gives you an idea of the search I've been on :<)

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Rick

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #11 on:** December 15, 2006,
11:38:05 am »

interesting.

The trouble with Google Maps is it doesn't have the lat/long coordinates, which I will need to verify the location. But if you can figure a way to give me those, a Google Map might be ok.

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Pete

 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

Gumby

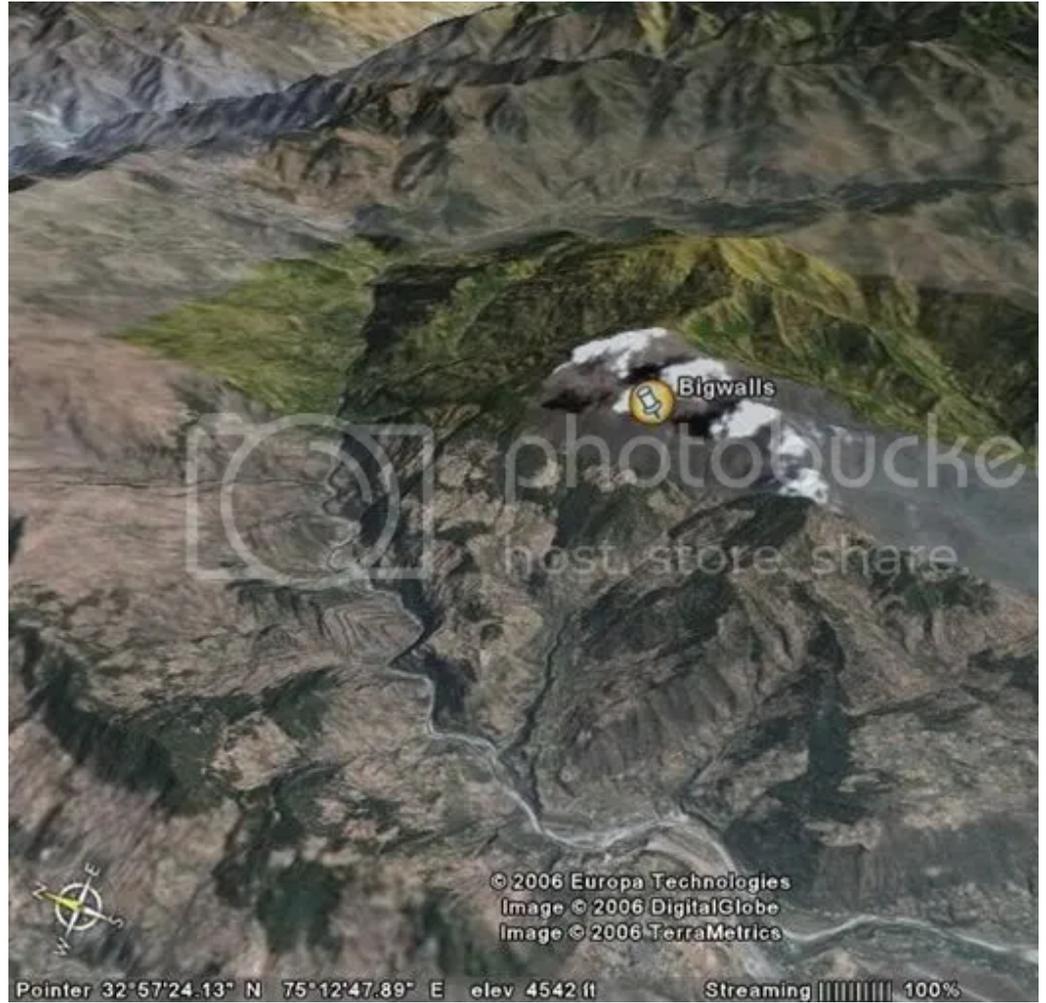


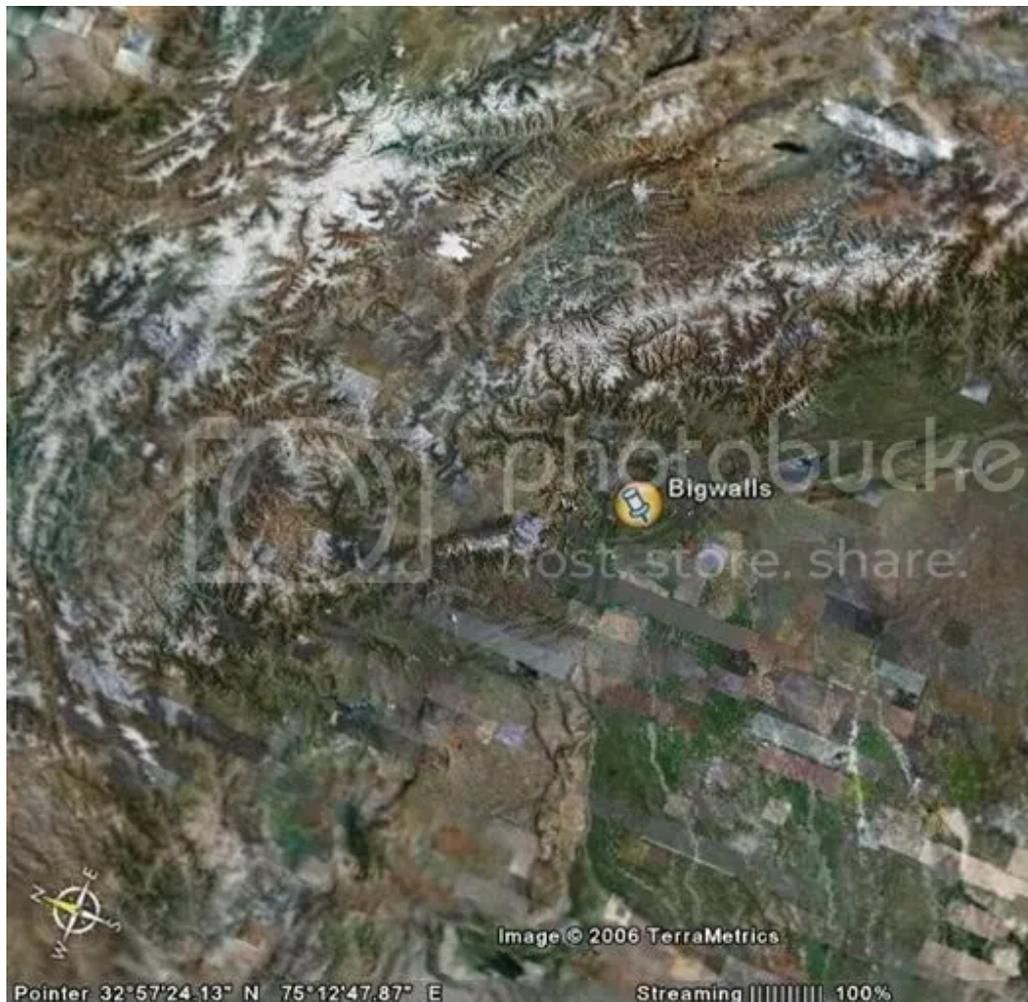
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« **Reply #12 on:** December 15, 2006,
03:39:03 pm »

If at first you don't succeed...





Fingers crossed!

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #13 on:** December 16, 2006, 01:28:15 pm »

nope. Good try, looks like an interesting area.

You were within 5 degrees of both latitude and longitude.

cheers

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #14 on:** December 17, 2006, 09:47:17 pm »

Well, i was going to guess Tien Shans, but I guess not. doh

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Pete

Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

Gumby



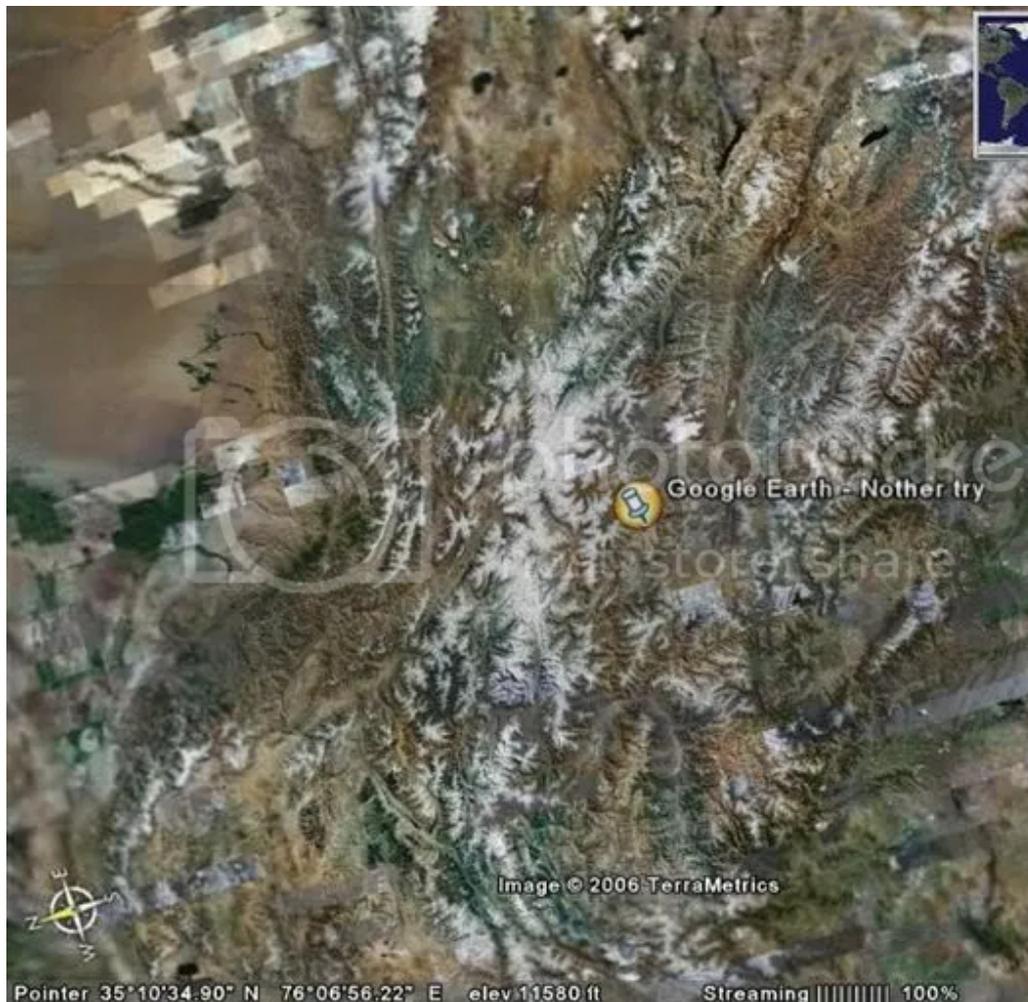
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« **Reply #15 on:** December 19, 2006,
12:28:34 pm »

Another effort! This is really tricky!





I wish I was planning a trip there right now instead of poor and wet! Damn Britain!

Pete

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #16 on:** December 19, 2006, 06:45:01 pm »

getting colder...

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #17 on:** December 20, 2006, 12:00:21 am »

Oh my..... spent a lot of time with this. The google earth is pretty fun, now that I loaded it.

Great geography lesson, However. I should post an image of the 5000ft monster I found.

Anyway, here is my best shot, based on all the little clues I could derive from your pics and previous posts.

Actually, I don't believe this is correct.
It's the pic of the river that throws me off. It appears to run somewhat oriented toward North.
I assume it's the same valley. So....

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Rick

 **deuce4**

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #18 on:** December 20, 2006, 03:36:54 pm »

no, but it looks nice.

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zippyslug

A2 Flyer



Posts: 57



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

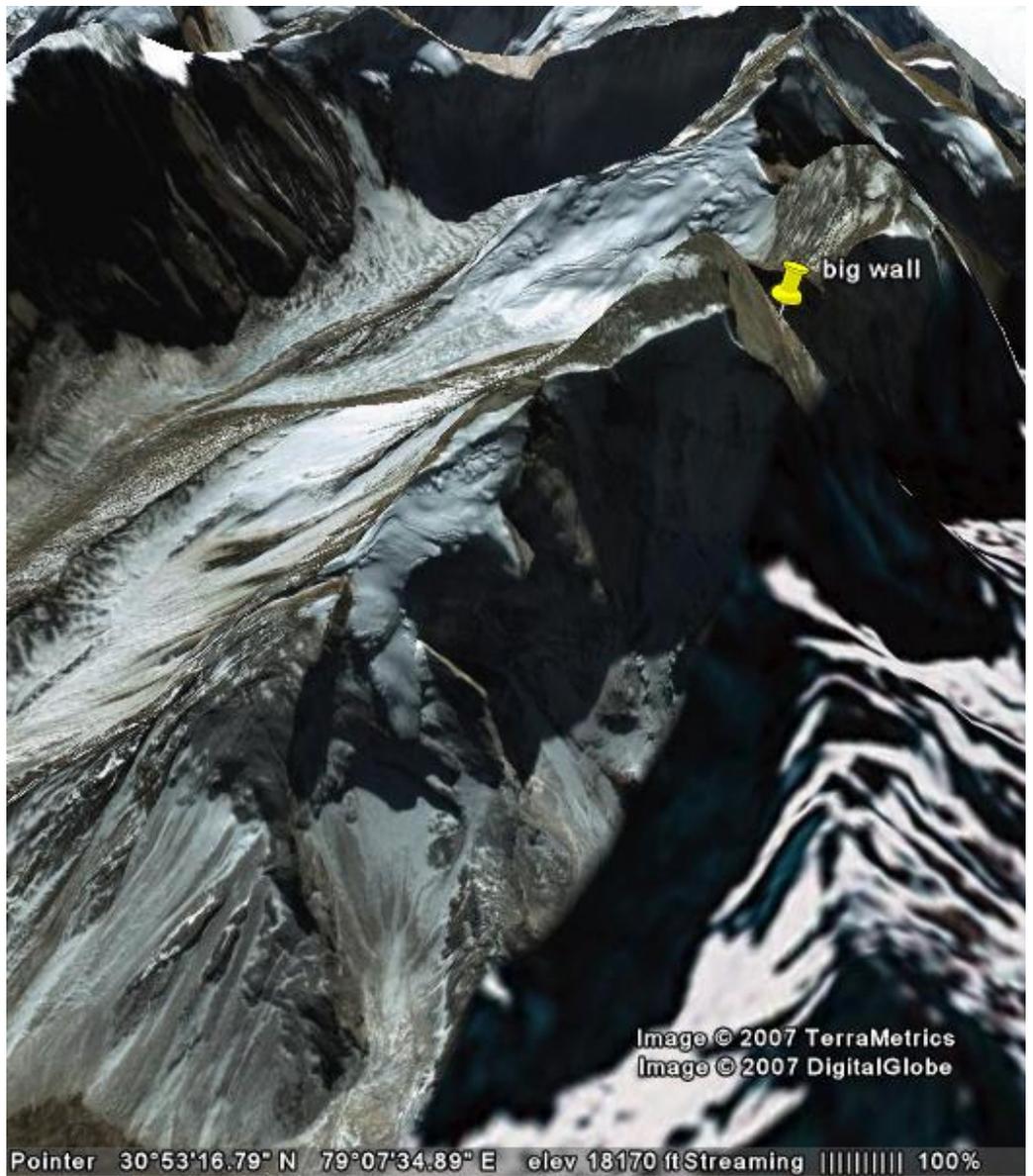
« **Reply #19 on:** April 10, 2007, 03:51:59 pm »

Hey, is it too late to play? The thread is damn near a year old but I never saw it solved so I'd like to take a crack.

over-all area:



close-up view of the wall:



How close am I 🤔

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caribouman

A3 Fool



Posts: 136



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #20 on:** April 13, 2007, 06:22:50 am »

John,

I just figured out a very large piece of this puzzle, but I'm not inclined to put all the necessary pieces together (upgrading RAM etc.) to put my own entry in here. So, my question: May I put out a generalized hint or two?

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when the going gets weird, the weird turn pro.

deuce4

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #21 on:** May 04, 2007, 01:17:20 pm »

Zippyslug- Close, but no cigar. It is to the East of where you spotted.



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Caribouman-By all means, hint away. The hammer I have is just itching to be used again on the big stones!

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splitchard

Gumby



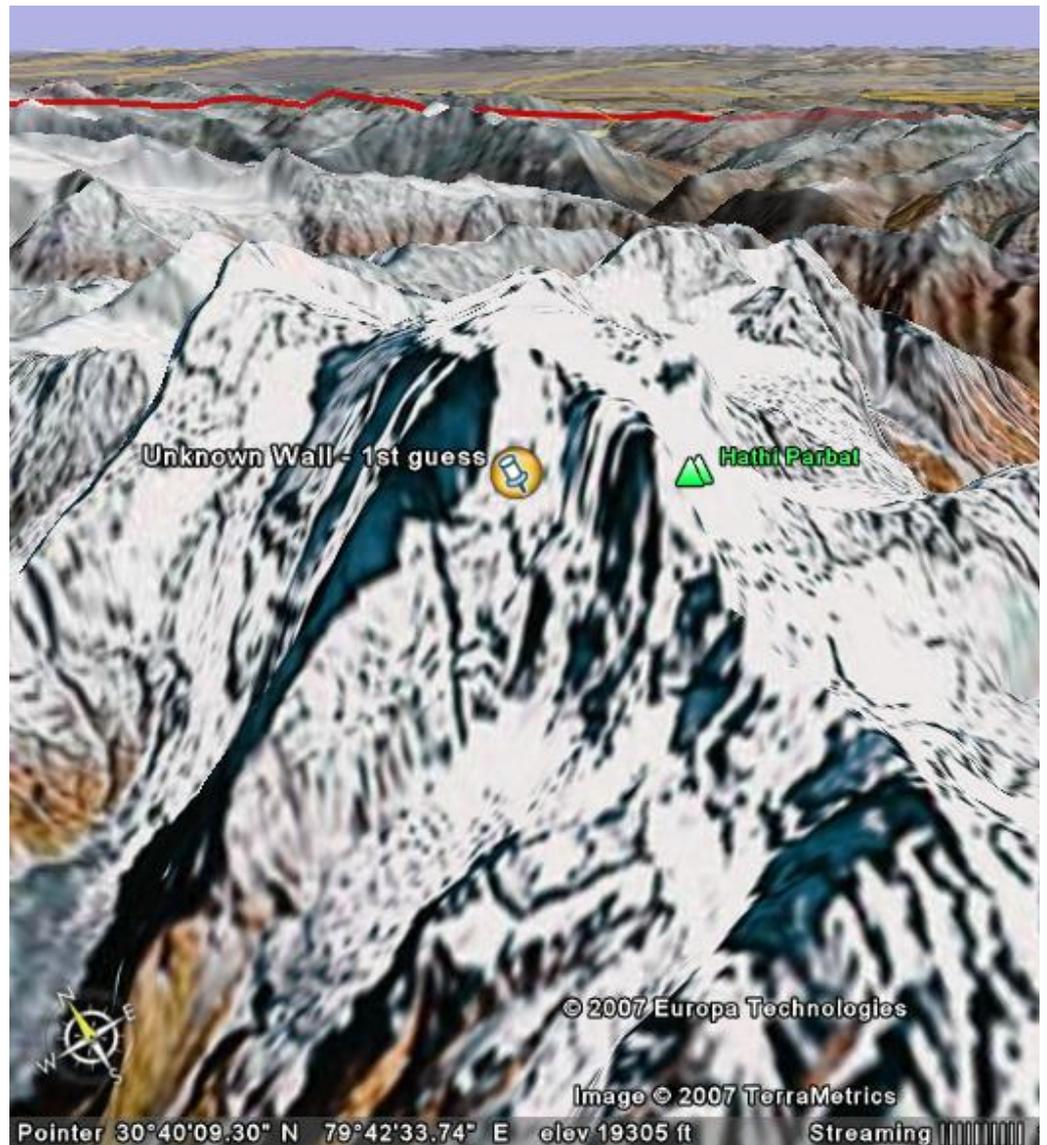
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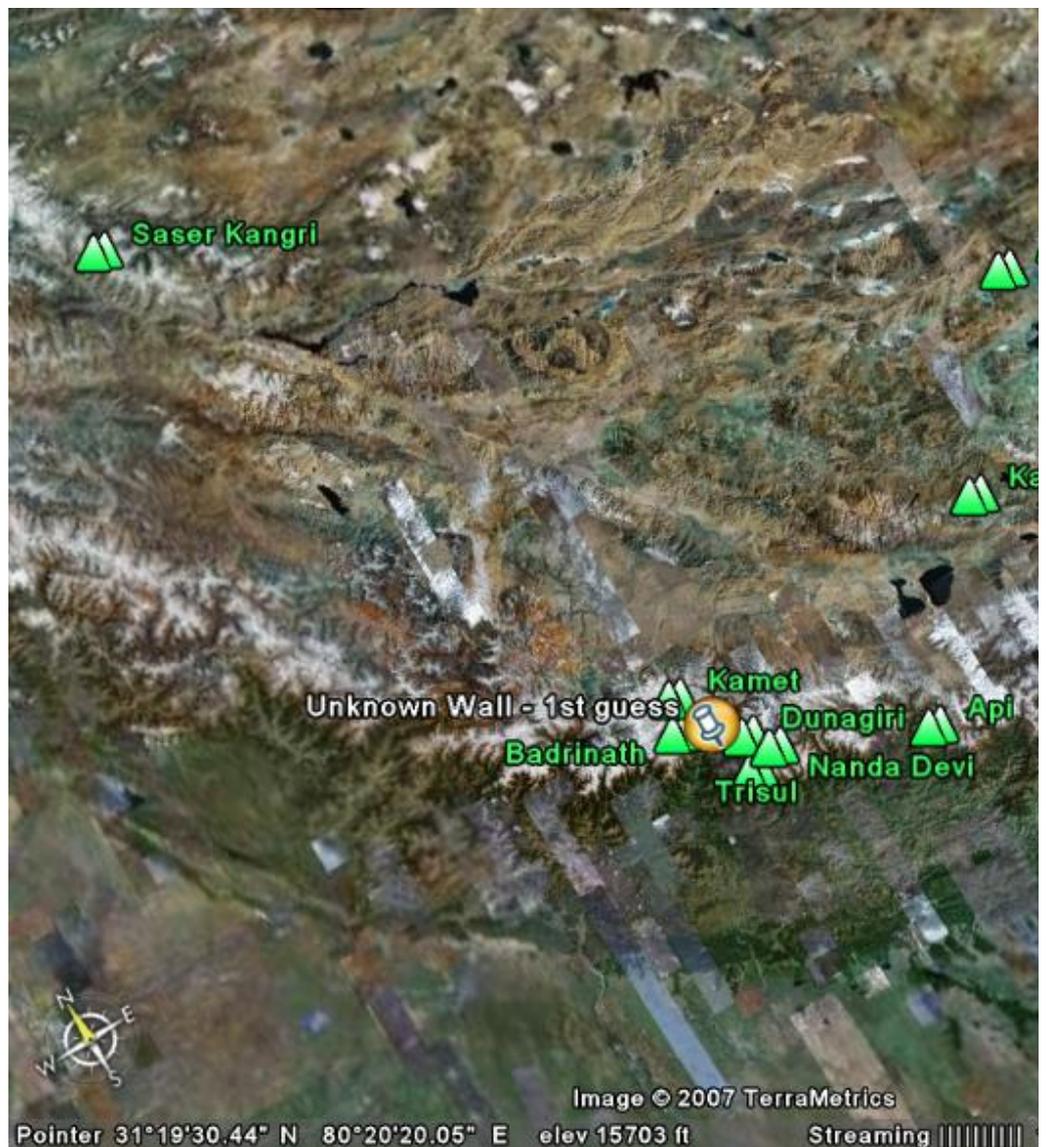


Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #22 on:** May 09, 2007, 07:10:18 am »

I thought I'd join in on this thing. I've been having a grand time looking around this region, first time really using Google Earth. It's a great tool!





Close? Any hints??

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zippyslug

A2 Flyer



Posts: 57



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #23 on:** May 09, 2007, 09:19:33 am

»

" first time really using Google Earth. It's a great tool! "

Meant to say something to this effect, too. I had never heard of it until this thread but now use it a fair amount. Now only if they could give a 3D look to my neighborhood.... 😊

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #24 on:** May 09, 2007, 10:16:34 am

»

spritchard- Nope, not the right region. I've never been in that area, but it looks like it would be spectacular! I did once hike around Mt. Kailas in Tibet, but it's not around there either.

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caribouman

A3 Fool



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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #25 on:** May 18, 2007, 03:45:10 pm
»

out on a bit of limb here...

- the wall is in the Karakoram, the western part of the Himalaya, no?
- Look at the photo... that face is either West, South or East, and it's sunny (given Deuce's responses to other attempts, it's in the Northern Hemisphere)
- Look at how close that wall appears to be, and the angle to which the camera is tilted... low angle. Thus I'd say we're looking at a minor peak, not 7 or 8 thousand meters. Maybe 6, 6 and a half.
- Look at the tree line. The tree line altitude is different in different places, probably pretty high at that latitude, but not below the 9,600 of the Sierra Nevada. That might give a rough clue to the overall peak height.
- Also, I might go out on a bit more of a limb and say that the photo was taken mid day... something about the foreground shadows maybe. So that would narrow the face direction to South.
- Big stretch. The rock itself; the overall shapes and color look either Karakoram or Patagonia, and given other responses, t'aint Patagonia.

So Deuce, any of those ideas correct?

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #26 on:** May 18, 2007, 05:51:03 pm
»

well reasoned it seems.

whatever happened to the new hammer thread on the Taco?

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #27 on:** May 20, 2007, 11:09:24 am
»

Pretty good, Caribouman. All good, but not in the Karakoram....

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John Middendorf

ice ravines

A2 Flyer



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #28 on:** June 27, 2007, 07:45:13 am
»



Posts: 50



Baltoro

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 154



Looks like the Spiti Valley - Manali area , Himachal Pradesh . I will try to load up the earth with your requirements

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« Last Edit: June 27, 2007, 08:03:29 am by ice ravines »

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #29 on:** July 25, 2007, 09:20:16 pm »

Was there ever any feedback on IceRavines answer? That one looks pretty promising.
~R

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Sometimes I succeed. Sometimes I fail. Sometimes I am too lazy to do either.
M. Twight



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"So remember, boys and girls, double clip that sleeping bag in when you are on an Old E salvage mission!" -Deuce4

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A2 Flyer



Posts: 60



Mike.

Bigwall Shaman
A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 911



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #30 on:** July 27, 2007, 04:10:28 pm

»

Ice Ravines was very close, but not the right spot. Looks like it would be worth investigating, though.

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John Middendorf

Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #31 on:** May 21, 2009, 03:41:40 pm

»

Is this contest officially over? Or merely dormant? Never found out where the mystery wall was!

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #32 on:** May 21, 2009, 04:46:18 pm

»

Everyone's holding out for a virgin deuce5 hammer...

A new carrot...you gotta have some 'Beaks laying around, John. Cough em up.

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Say no to limbers, excavators and retro-bolters. No matter how much he smiles.

skully

Guest

Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #33 on:** May 21, 2009, 08:30:47 pm »

It seems the thing was left unsolved. How 'bout it, Deuce4?
Are we still on for virtual wall shoppin'? (Dumb question, huh?)
Where'd your hammer end up?

« *Last Edit: May 22, 2009, 04:13:52 pm by skully* »

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #34 on:** May 22, 2009, 01:43:28 am »

I'm just waiting.. is it on, is it off, did anyone win? are you throwing in beaks to sweeten the pot?
Been googling until my eyes are crossed.

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #35 on:** May 22, 2009, 06:07:42 pm »

Well ? hammer still up for grabs? beaks?
(amazing what a guy will do for free gear)

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skully

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #36 on:** May 22, 2009, 07:08:23 pm »

We may never know.....Apparently, Deucey has lost interest.

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #37 on:** May 22, 2009, 10:30:58 pm »

Damn, I'm always a day late and a dollar short for the good deals !

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deuce4

The Deuce
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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #38 on:** May 23, 2009, 06:10:07 am »

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



skully

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Raaf

A2 Flyer



Posts: 60



KevinW

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skully

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»

The contest is still on, though it may be some delays in checking the answers.

one mint A5 hammer up for grabs for just picking a point on the map...



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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #39 on:** May 23, 2009, 08:38:36 am

»

WooHoo !!!

Thanks deuce count me in

(now to go back through the thread and check answers against my saved GoogleEarth searches)



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #40 on:** May 24, 2009, 08:04:12 am

»

I must be a doofus....I can't figure out how to transfer Google Earth images onto this board.

Dammit! Got a good guess, too. Arrrggh.



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #41 on:** May 24, 2009, 10:09:29 am

»

Hmmmmm.....gotta do some searchin' soon. Cool!



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #42 on:** May 24, 2009, 12:37:19 pm

»

Figure it out yet skully ? They're just screen captures, that have been uploaded to photobucket (*or where ever*) and then posted here.



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #43 on:** May 24, 2009, 02:10:24 pm

»

Ok, Here goes!

And Farther...

Cheers!

« Last Edit: May 24, 2009, 02:22:03 pm by skully »

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skully

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #44 on:** May 25, 2009, 07:33:46 am »

Venture a guess, Kevin? This is pretty damn fun.....

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #45 on:** May 25, 2009, 08:29:56 am »

Well.. I've probably spent 10 hours so far on *Google Earth*, and think I'm pretty damn close, but... with a limit of 3 guesses, I'm trying to narrow it down a little more, because not only have I found a lot of very interesting unnamed peaks that appear to have little or no history, but.. I really do want that hammer!!!

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Caz

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 520



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #46 on:** May 25, 2009, 03:18:55 pm »

Just downloaded google earth... I'll be searching through out the week while I'm off work.

Zac

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I do this for fun...

skully

Guest



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #47 on:** May 25, 2009, 05:23:52 pm »

Dammit! More contestants! I think my first guess is pretty good, but just in case, I have another.....
That hammer is MINE! Hahahaha!
(wanted to give a bit of incentive....)

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Caz

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 520



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #48 on:** May 25, 2009, 11:38:15 pm »

I think I've put in 3 hours today so far and my eye's are killing me...

You better post up your findings Skully before I find it!

Zac

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I do this for fun...

KevinW

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Posts: 174



skully

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #49 on:** May 26, 2009, 07:05:07 am

»

I think I have the right valley, but everytime I fly up one of the side valleys, I find something that *could* be it as well, then starts the comparison game.. still narrowing it down,.. 1/2 million Google Earth Miles later.

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #50 on:** May 30, 2009, 02:09:28 pm

»

I've got a guess posted, waiting for Deucey to shoot it down before tryin' again. I think it looks like a good guess.

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Zombi

Posts: 2



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #51 on:** May 30, 2009, 09:54:09 pm

»

I want to jump in to the mix too.

I like what Skully has right now.

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skully

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #52 on:** May 31, 2009, 08:25:20 pm

»

Well, Podner, don't let that stop ya.....

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #53 on:** June 02, 2009, 02:20:22 pm »

Quote from: MagicOPromotion on June 02, 2009, 11:22:31 am

How does your Pira compare to say your **barong** in terms of performance?

barang? Filipino wedding happening? I better go back and read the thread.

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #54 on:** June 06, 2009, 02:04:49 pm »

A Barong..

- .. a rounded shaped bong.. aka pipe with holes drilled in it?
- .. the sound a bong makes while being pounded in?

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skully

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 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #55 on:** June 22, 2009, 11:02:27 pm »

It's like he uses his own private language, loosely rooted in English.

Right on, Barong!

Still got a guess up, Deucey!

I just keep bumpin' it up so you'll (maybe) notice. Groove on.

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Posts: 182



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #56 on:** June 23, 2009, 03:52:21 am »

Skully--You're too far west!

ps when youse guys post here with a guess, let me know also by email.

Cheers!

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John Middendorf

scottydo

A2 Flyer



Posts: 79



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #57 on:** June 25, 2009, 03:07:17 am »

I've been checking this out and now that I have a bunch of down time at work I'm gonna give this a go. Let me know if I'm close cause I know I'm not spot on...yet.

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goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42

 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #58 on:** July 06, 2009, 09:48:47 am »

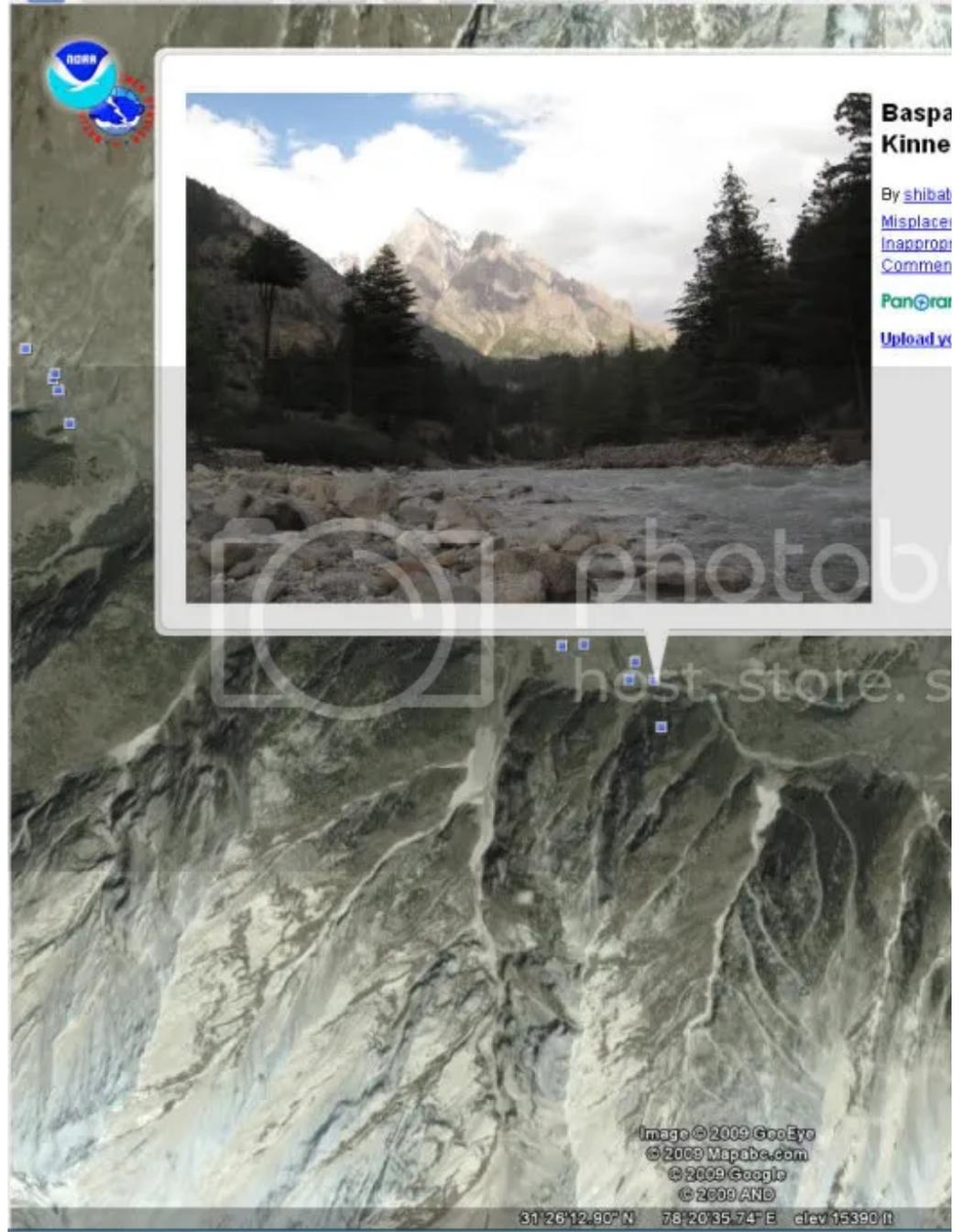


Okay I'll play?it's in the Sangla Valley by the Baspa River between Batseri village and Banjara camp.

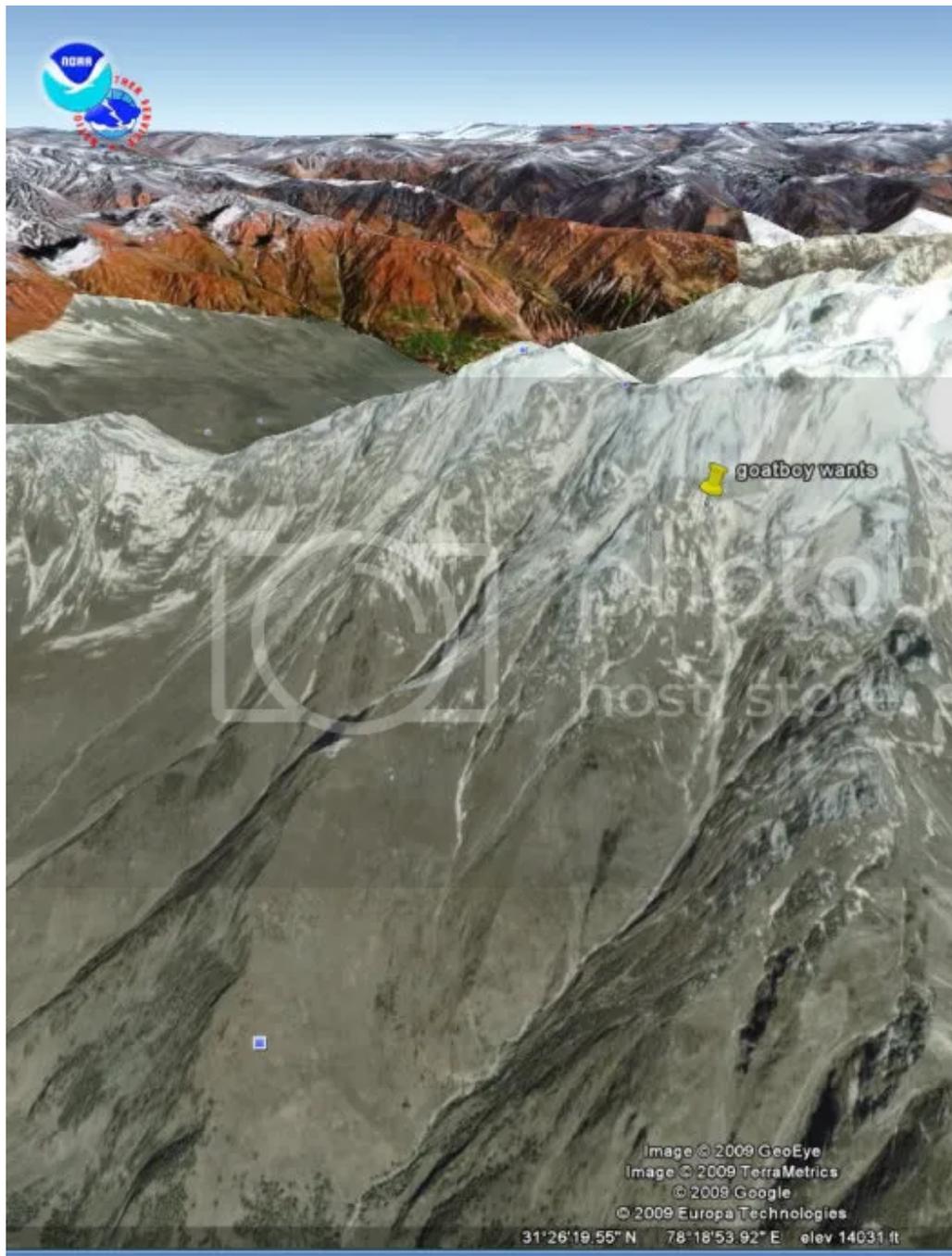
Here's another view of the wall from the intertubez;

<http://www.indiamike.com/photopost/showphoto.php/photo/30092/size/big/ppuser/32>

The second peak looks like Kinner Kailash, this is what tipped me off to the area since I have seen this peak before online and squirreled it away as a place I'd like to visit whenever I get to India.



close up view



5 miles high



500 miles high



I?m a little high and hungover from this weekend when I figured all this out so in case I?m delusional and imagining all of this please forgive me.

coordinates 31degrees 26'39.27"N - 78 degrees 18'50.80"E

« Last Edit: July 06, 2009, 09:52:37 am by goatboy »

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #59 on:** July 06, 2009, 10:35:30 am »

GOATBOY WINS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

I will be in sending you a hammer in August! Please send my your address to my email at deuce4 at bigwalls.net

Thanks for visiting the Big Walls Forum!!
John Middendorf

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Topic: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest (Read 19259 times)

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #60 on:** July 06, 2009, 11:12:10 am »

WOOT!!!

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goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #61 on:** July 06, 2009, 01:11:37 pm »

Woot indeed!

Thanks John, I look forward to swinging that hammer on the sharp and high wild.

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #62 on:** July 07, 2009, 11:30:05 am »

CONGRATS goatboy!

I've had connection issues for a month now, so I haven't been able to play along, as much as I wanted to.

I was in the right area, wrong valley, but would have not guessed that peak from the *GoogleEarth* images

I looked at. The area just seemed way to flat looking, even when I was doing low altitude fly-bys up and down the valleys.

Thanks Deuce, it was a great contest!

(You wouldn't happen to have any more spare hardware laying around would you?) 😊

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goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #63 on:** July 07, 2009, 11:58:47 am

»

C'mon out to the Black and I'll let you use the hammer any time Kevin...I'm too big for anything over A3 anyhoo, you like decomposing pegmatite right?

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Caz

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 520



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #64 on:** July 07, 2009, 02:13:22 pm

»

Good Job Goatboy!

I was no where close...

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I do this for fun...

scottydo

A2 Flyer



Posts: 79



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #65 on:** July 07, 2009, 11:32:14 pm

»

Dang! Good job Goatboy 😊

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KevinW

A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 174



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #66 on:** July 08, 2009, 04:14:29 pm

»

Quote from: goatboy on July 07, 2009, 11:58:47 am

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Hey that sounds great goatboy!

Now this peg-ma-tite stuff, that is sort of granite.. right?

I'm used to chossy limestone, so it can't be that bad.. can it?

But with regards to anything above A3..

I'm not too big, rather too small, (*in the testicle region*) for any sustained A4'ish kind of stuff.

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A1 fiend



Posts: 42



 **Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest**

« **Reply #67 on:** July 08, 2009, 09:49:05 pm

»

You'll be fine, did I say the pitch was A4?oh no that can't be right, looks like easy A2, I think I see a bolt up there, you'll be fine, here's the rack.

deuce4

The Deuce
Administrator
A3+ Copper Bender



Posts: 182



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #68 on:** September 10, 2009,
01:09:12 am »

Congrats again Goatboy. I am posting your images here just in case they get lost on some other server like some of the other posts on this thread:

The photo from the website:

<http://www.indiamike.com/photopost/showphoto.php/photo/30092/size/big/ppuser/32>



Goatboy's pics:

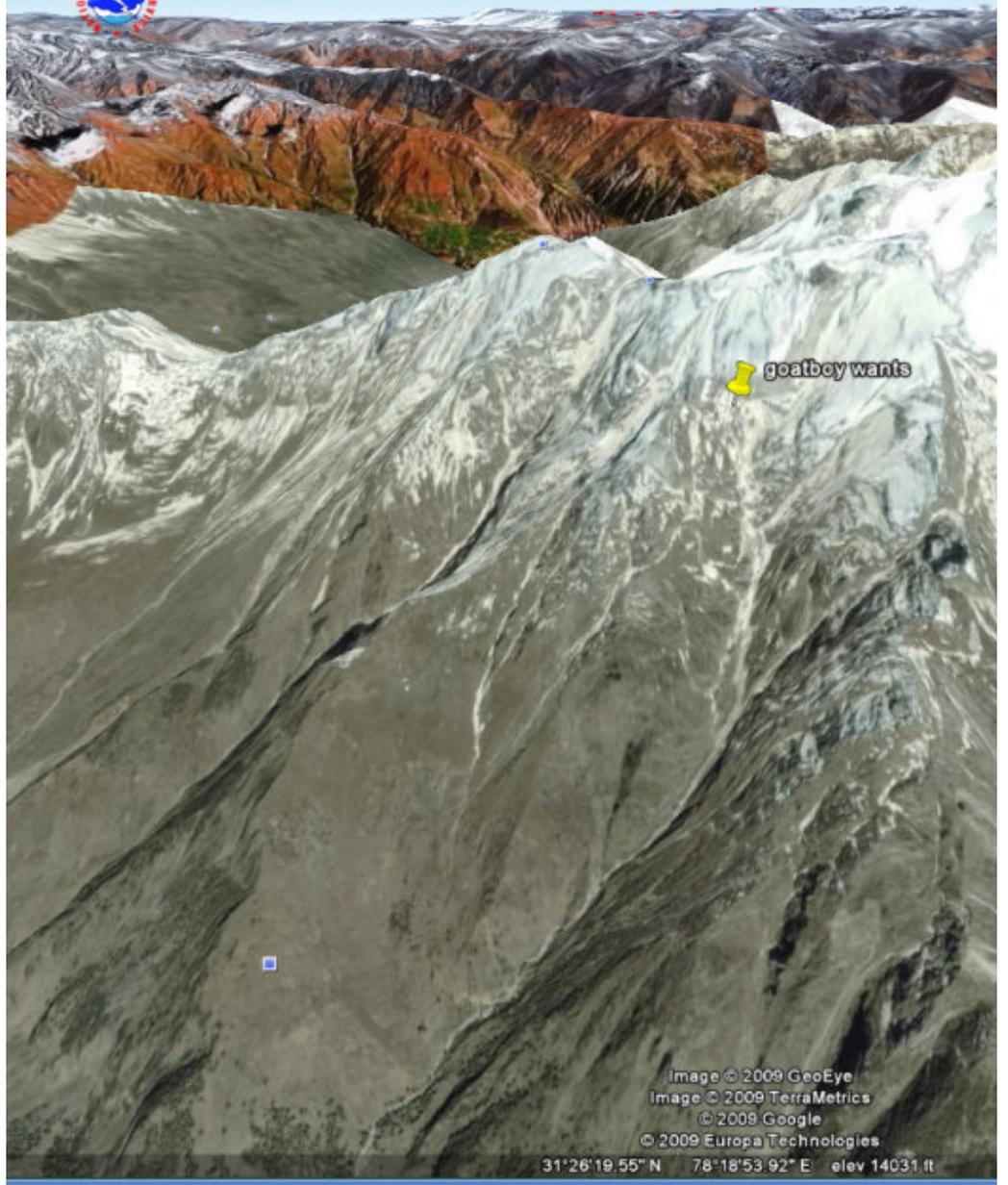


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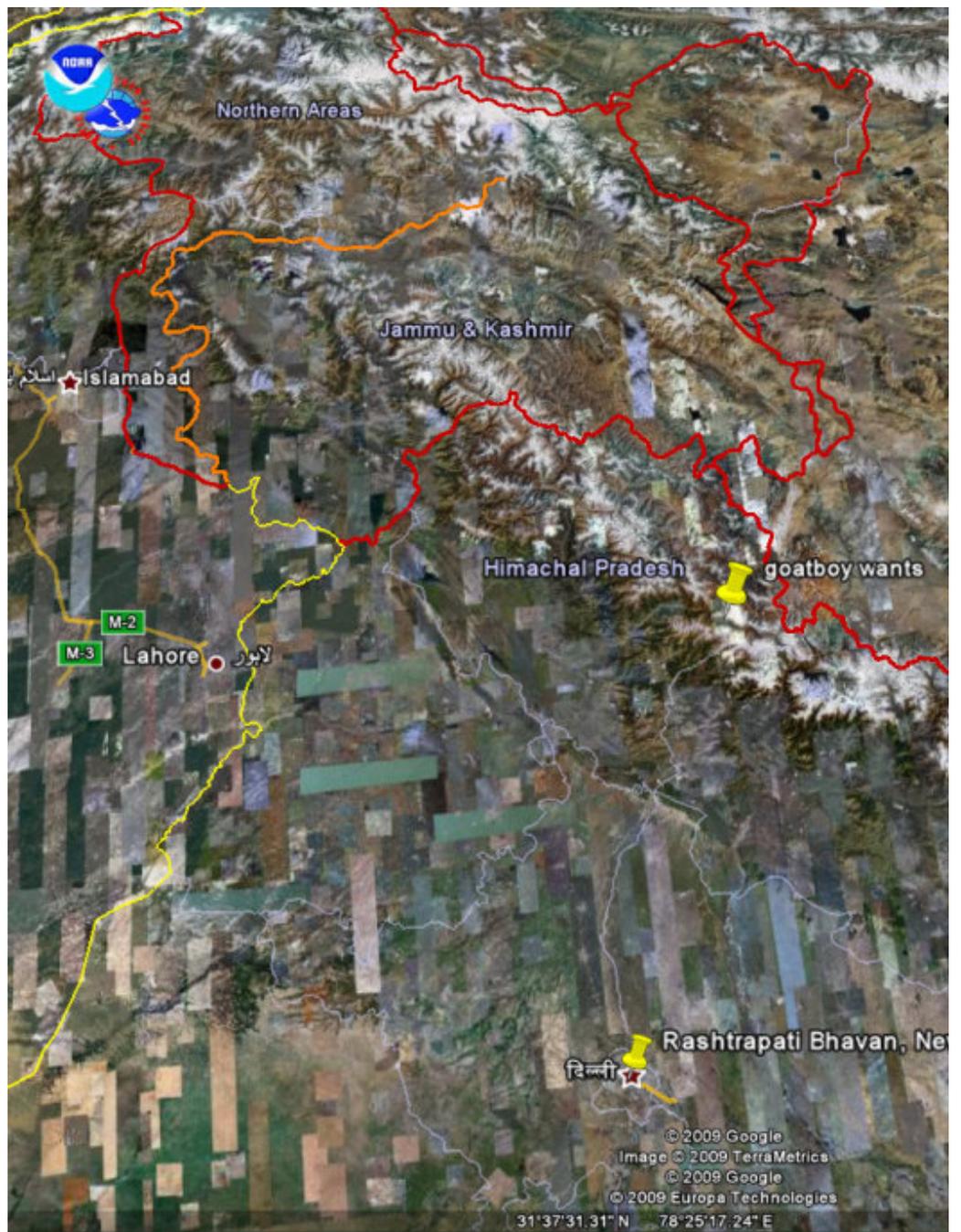
31°26'19.55" N 78°18'53.92" E elev 14031 ft

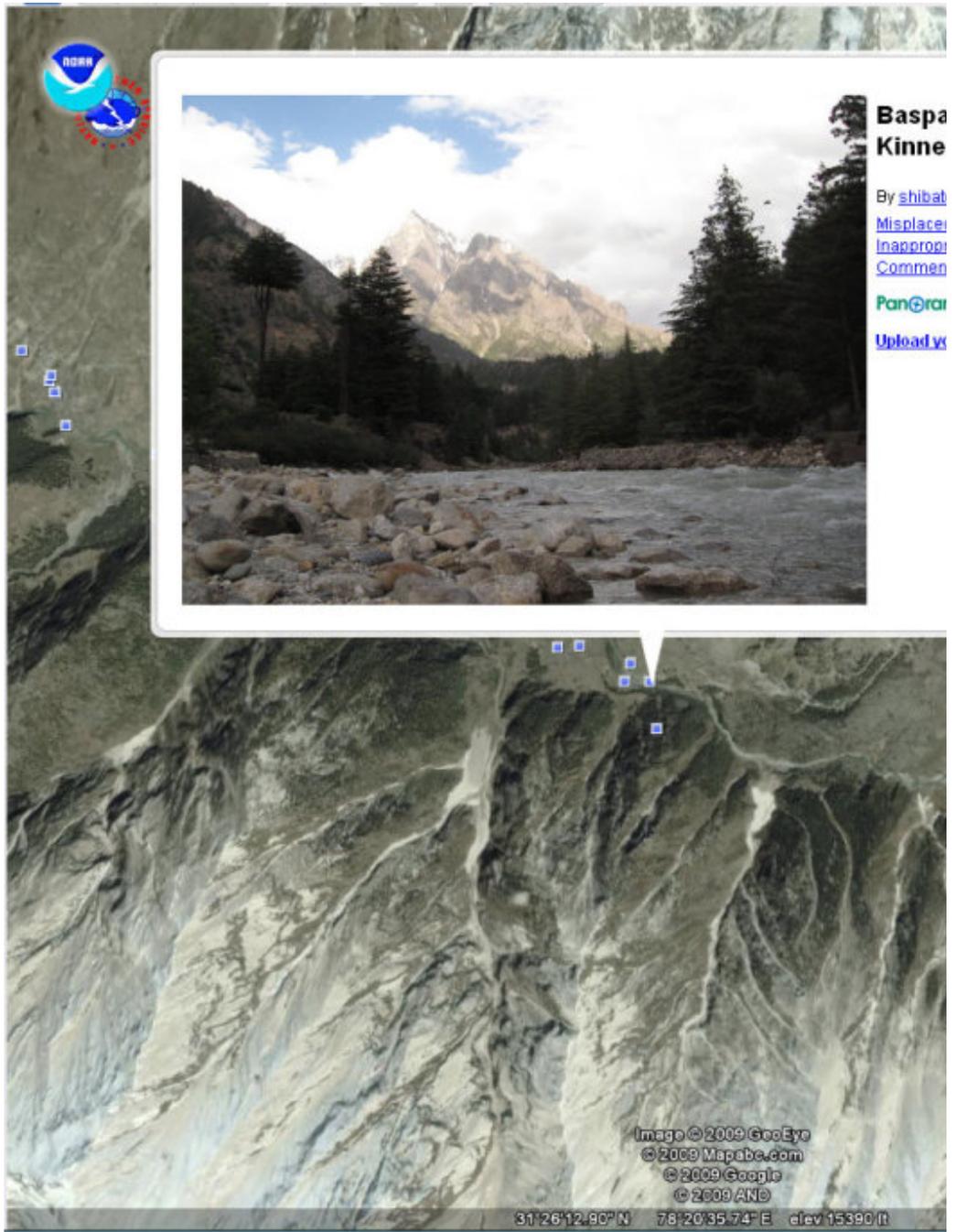


goatboy wants

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31°26'44.51" N 78°18'53.78" E





Let us know how go the adventures of the ol' hammer!

« Last Edit: September 11, 2009, 06:05:38 am by deuce4 »

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 John Middendorf

goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #69 on:** September 10, 2009, 07:46:08 pm »

Thanks again John!

I've owned three of these hammers in my life and have always ended up selling them for beer or gas money on the camp 4 board. This one is for keeps; it's already replaced a couple anchors in the south Platte and will soon be heading out to Utah.

As for Sangla Valley it's \$1,250 for a roundtrip from Denver to New Delhi then

maybe another grand or two for the trek out to Batseri village and live like a king. This hammer will see that valley eventually? **whoohoo!**

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skully

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Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #70 on:** September 10, 2009, 07:59:51 pm »

Right on, Goatboy, You're MY kinda monkey.....Let me know when you go, , cuz I wanta go, too.

Best contest ever, Big John. That was great fun.

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deuce4

The Deuce
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Posts: 182



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #71 on:** October 11, 2010, 03:52:05 pm »

Newsflash. This wall just got climbed by Silvia Vidal, the amazing Spanish big wall climber...

Hopefully she will send details soon.

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John Middendorf

goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #72 on:** October 13, 2010, 09:13:17 am »

Awsome, looking forward to some close up pictures of that wall!

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jake

A2 Flyer



Posts: 59



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #73 on:** October 15, 2010, 12:39:47 pm »

<http://rockanddice.com/news/1199-bold-is-not-dead>

Here is something I found about her climbing the wall... what a rad chick! Some misinformation in that article tho, she didn't solo the Retacent but did it with Pep Masip for the 3rd ascent. It also doesn't mention her route Sol Solet which was A5 and she used lead heads in some open corner over the course of 2 days! That route took a little over a month to put up... GNAR!!

« *Last Edit: October 15, 2010, 01:00:45 pm by jake* »

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Posts: 2257



Re: Free A5 Big Wall Hammer contest

« **Reply #74 on:** October 17, 2010, 07:12:44 pm »

thx Jake. That's an amazing thing. High Commitment.

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The Deuce
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MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!

« **on:** October 17, 2010, 10:28:50 pm »

After seeing the bigwalls.net "Mystery Wall" hammer contest (<http://www.bigwalls.com/forum2/index.php?topic=96.0>), Silvia Vidal wrote to me for more info, which I happily provided, and now she has completed a route up this magnificent stone in one of the world's most beautiful places. She asked me if she should keep the name "Mystery Wall", but of course I told her she should name it whatever she likes!

Silvia Vidal has always been a hero of mine for her bold ascents, and was once featured in one of my A5 catalogs.

Here is the line:



From Silvia:

Hi John,

I'm sending you the information I've written from the ascent.

Also the line picture.

Thanks again for all.

Hug,

Silvia

Here is some information about the last ascent I did this summer in Kinnaur Valley, India. It was a solo ascent and I spent 25 days (from 15th August to 8th September both included) on the wall, during this summer's strong monsoon. It has been a hard experience for me.

I went to India accompanied by my friend Eulalia Sancho, she came to the BC and then left to continue her trip.

As always I didn't take a phone, Internet or any kind of device to communicate.

The result was 'Naufraigi' (shipwreck in Catalan) 1.050 meters climbed, A4+/6a+ at 5.250m. in the Kailash Parbat range. I didn't get to the main summit of the

mountain, which was still far away (I haven't seen it, it's a huge mountain), but to the end of the main wall.

A wall picture and its localization on Google Earth was all the information I had. I found it at John Middendorf's web page.

The area; Kinnaur valley, Himachal Pradesh, India.

Without knowing where to start the approach, once in the valley, showing the picture to the locals and taking some porters, we started to walk up in the middle of the rain.

They left the haulbags in the middle of the fog at 3.800m and left.

In the 7 days that I spent on this BC I never saw the whole wall. I spent two days trying to find the access to the wall because there was no visibility and I had no idea where the wall was.

I had to fix some ropes on the way up.

The approach to the wall is like trying to hike up a river ravine. Complicated and slippery.

I set ABC (4.430m) close to the wall, the portaledge hanging on a boulder, because there was no flat place to put the tent between the BC and the base of the wall.

I fixed the 3 first pitches (150m) and then spent 25 days hanging on the wall, alone, in horrible weather, because this year the monsoon has been very strong. A local newspaper published that the Kinnaur valley got 156% more rain than usual this year.

From the month and a half that I spent up on the mountain, there was rain and fog every single day.

One day, when jumaring, I lost consciousness, due to hypothermia because of excess of humidity.

I counted food and water for 18 days and finally I spent 25.

This and a bad logistic were the reason that more than once I thought to quit the route. But the motivation and the desire to stay there were stronger.

Fighting against my principles, from the 10th pitch (14 day) I started to make bat hooks (holes for hooks) to be able to progress through the monolithic faces. In some sections there was no natural line for extreme aid climbing.

I didn't have enough bolts (spits) and I wasn't able to descent from the route only for that reason. I down climbed part of a pitch but then I realised that I didn't want to leave the wall, I was too motivated to leave even if the weather was so bad and it took me too much efforts so far. I always thought that the weather was going to change, but it didn't...

I tried not to use the bat hooks to increase the aid climbing grade. I mean; the A4 and A4+ are naturals, without drilled holes. That's the price I had to pay for going on an expedition without knowing about the area and the wall. And I need to explain it.

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Thanks for visiting the Big Walls Forum!!
John Middendorf

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Re: MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!

« **Reply #1 on:** October 17, 2010,
10:56:28 pm »

such deep digging. it's hard to imagine the fortitude and discipline it took to keep going.

goatboy

A1 fiend



Posts: 42



 **Re: MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!**

« **Reply #2 on:** October 18, 2010, 03:13:59 pm »

Wow what a great adventure, congratulations Silvia!

johnmac

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 486



 **Re: MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!**

« **Reply #3 on:** October 19, 2010, 11:59:27 am »

wow, what an amazing effort...

Mucci

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 422



 **Re: MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!**

« **Reply #4 on:** February 15, 2012, 09:31:39 pm »

Bump!

Sargentana on the porcelin wall fell to this FA'ist.

So rad, take a pic and a few months and crush something like this....

inspirational.

AAJ 2010 was a good read.

lambone

WebDJ

A4+ Dreamer



Posts: 571



 **Re: MYSTERY WALL CLIMBED!**

« **Reply #5 on:** February 15, 2012, 09:52:30 pm »

That's badass!