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A grayscale photograph of a person climbing a steep, rocky mountain face. The climber is wearing a light-colored shirt and a hat, and is positioned in the middle ground, facing away from the camera. The background shows a vast, rugged mountain range under a clear sky.

Section M

Rifle Mountain Park Colorado

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Welcome to Section M

Character:

All climbs are on the east side of the the canyon.

That means, a.m. shade with p.m. sun.

Short easy to moderate hard routes.

This is a fairly new area so **BEWARE** of loose rock!

When in *doubt* wear a **HELMET!!**

Conditions:

Winter: Cold, with seeping.

Spring: Seeps, but will dry out with sun.

Summer: Shade until mid afternoon.

Fall: Like Summer, but not as hot.

Getting there:

Drive into RMP and locate the Kopers/ Ice Caves trail/ Wasteland parking lot on the left, just past the small bridge.

Continue for .3 mile to the Feline parking lot on the left at the bend in the road.

There is room for about 8 cars here.

Please park head in only.

CAUTION: Cars sometime speed up and down this section of the Canyon!

Access:

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Park and hike upstream/up canyon for about 60 seconds and locate a somewhat hidden stone stepped trail under some tree's on your right. Hike up the step's and wind through some boulders by a tree and then continue up wooden steps to a small cave at the base of the wall. Hike right to reach Vikings.

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There are currently six route's (one is closed) here with two projects.
All routes are listed from left to right.

Space for the Papa .12- Closed

4 clips to anchors / Starts just above the wooden steps

Steep climbing to the first bolt then some thin crimps over the bulge past clip 2. Great but reachy side pulls out left to clip 3 with some welcomed easier climbing to and past clip 4 to the anchors.

Arioso .11a

4 clips to anchors

Hard start with good but balancy moves and then an exciting dyno to a great incut. Clip the second bolt then trend right with somewhat easier moves to the anchors.

Blackmore .10d

3 clips to anchors

Grab great holds for a few moves to clip the first bolt, then cruise smaller then bigger holds for 2 clips to the anchors.

Project

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Mr. Scary .10c

7 clips to anchors

Begin moving up and left through some questionable rock for the first 3 clips to a rest. Climb vertical to slabby rock with good holds for 3 clips to a nice stand. Gain the short face en route to double ring anchors.

Vikings .9+

7 clips to anchors

Start off the deck with good holds for 3 clips then continue through a balancy mid section for a few more clips to a great stance. Go up the small bulge to the anchors.

Hazed & Infused .10d

11 clips to anchors

Sustained climbing with good crimpy holds off the deck to gain clip 1. Move right and up past the slab past clip 2 on the usual Rifle pinches, side-pulls and edges passing several clips with some pretty good rests here and there. Angle slighly right as you move through the last few clips en-route to the anchors.