

Mothra 5.13a Iron Face/Hornets Nest in the South Seas
(5/17/10 by Ron Yahne and Jason McNabb)

Mothra is one of, if not the best, routes of it's grade on granite in the hills. Mothra had anchors that were placed well out right of the line that forced the climber to avoid the classic crux climbing at the top by heading way out right instead of up the dyke. This was noted and questioned by many climbers in the past few years as Mothra is seeing much more traffic these days. We placed stainless anchors at the top of the dyke allowing climbers to climb the route as it was originally intended and to prevent rust damage (problem with non-stainless anchors that have been used in the past) from marring the rock on this beautiful line.

Existing Hardware Removed:

3/8 non stainless bolts X2 (countersunk and patched the holes)

3/8 non stainless coldshuts X2

BHCC Hardware Installed:

5 stainless chain links (4 on anchor plus 1 cut)

3 stainless quick links

2 stainless Fixe Triplex bolts

1 stainless Petzl Coeur Hanger

1 stainless Fix Top Hanger