

INSIDE TRACKS

WE ASKED THREE COLORADO MOUNTAIN GUIDES TO REVEAL THE BACKCOUNTRY SKI LINES THAT MAKE THEIR HEARTS SING.

NATE ROWLAND

ASPEN ALPINE GUIDES

North Face of Maroon Peak, Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. "I like how airy the line feels from the top as the snowfields and ledges drop away from you."

NATE DISSER

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN GUIDES

Snake Couloir on Mount Sneffels. "The north face of Mount Sneffels calls to you. Snake Couloir offers everything—steep skiing, powder skiing, narrow sections, wide sections. It's awesome."

NICK VINCENT

PARAGON GUIDES

Notch Couloir on Notch Mountain, Holy Cross Wilderness. "I skied it in July and the couloir delivered perfect corn, allowing us to link turns 800 feet down a hallway of rock and snow."

Avalanche awareness and safety is a must in the backcountry. If you're unsure, go with a guide. And check out EO's Backcountry 101 primer here:

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—Avery Stonich