

Beehive, Middle and Bear basin

Date

Mon, 02/20/2023 - 15:55

Activity

Skiing

Our group toured around beehive, middle and bear basin. The wind has made the cornices huge at ridge lines and created obvious pillows and drifts and added texture to the snow surface and made the new snow noticeably denser than yesterday. The newest 15-20cm fell upside down. In our pit we noticed the top 20cm of new snow was F+ consisting of primarily large graupel, below that, the 20cm of new snow from yesterday was F- with snow trending from 4F to 1F over the next meter below. We had ECTN4 where this denser new snow from today overlaid yesterdays lower density snow. The NSF layer was about a meter from the surface and unreactive in our tests. Today was almost unskiably deep, and the nature of the new snow structure made burying a tip and pearling an expectation.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Bear Basin

Observer Name

Jackson