

Well bonded new snow

Date

Tue, 04/01/2025 - 16:25

Activity

Skiing

We skinned up to the Beehive-Bear ridgeline, down into Middle Basin, up Middle Peak and returned the way we came.

It snowed on and off all day, with little accumulation and patches of sunshine mixed in. Winds were moderate at ridgelines and light-calm lower down. During the periods of sunshine we had good views into Beehive and middle basin. We saw no recent avalanches or signs of instability.

There were 10-12" of new snow from the last couple days above firm crusts. The new snow had bonded well to the crust. We encountered a little wind drifting at the ridgeline, but it hadn't formed much of a windslab. Loose dry sluffs were the biggest hazard we encountered. The little bit of sunshine densified the snow surface and caused roller balls, but wasn't enough to increase the hazard.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Basin

Observer Name

Hoyer and Staples