

Beehive Peak

Date

Sun, 03/14/2021 - 12:00

Activity

Skiing

We skied near and around Beehive Peak and found a firm surface almost everywhere. On the north side of Beehive Peak the firm base was covered with pockets of wind slabs of various thicknesses (1" to 10") and various sizes (10' to 100' across). There were some areas of fluffy snow, and some bare hard crust too. It sounds terrible but there were a few good turns in there. Nevertheless, the main point is the wind slabs. Although most are very small and thin, they are definitely not bonded to the hard crust below. It made skinning challenging (picture attached) and it made me wonder what will happen if/when they all get covered with a fresh layer of snow. Picture was taken just above Beehive lake (pin location on map below). South faces were getting baked pretty well in the afternoon but we did not see any wet slides. Only other observation is that there isn't much snow up there!

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Peak

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