

Rapid warming in Beehive

Date

Mon, 12/26/2022 - 11:25

Activity

Skiing

We went for a short tour this morning in Beehive Basin up to Prayer Flags. We found about 2 inches of dense snow that did not appear to have been transported by the wind. Beehive peak was painted white by the dense snow that stuck to it. We found good skiing conditions on our first run into Middle Basin. On our way back up, the sun came out and the snow surface started to rapidly warm on any aspect the sun touched. Snow bombs fell from trees, skins glopped, and we noticed pinwheels and small point releases around rocks. At that point the skiing began to deteriorate and we decided to call it a day early around 11 AM. On our final run back to the car we saw a sluff in the going home gully on a west aspect around 9,000' that ran into another party's old tracks (photo included).

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Basin

Observer Name

Jackson