

Good Stability at Lionhead

Date

Fri, 04/18/2025 - 13:10

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode up to the old weather station and then to the current weather station, down Airplane Bowl, along the base of the LH Ridge to the head of Targhee Creek and back. There is a 4-5" Thick refrozen crust below 3-5 inches of new snow at upper elevations. At lower elevations, there was less snow, and I suspect more rain, and east winds stripped many of the upper starting zones back down to the melt-freeze crust.

There was little, if any danger of avalanches today. You may have been able to find an isolated [wind slab](#) from the east wind-[loading](#), but it would have been small in area and depth. We rode out at 2 PM and the crust had not started breaking down in any meaningful way.

Tomorrow is supposed to be 8-10 degrees F warmer, but cold temperatures tonight should refreeze the crust, and it is pretty robust. There may be a few very small, wet snow avalanches in the recent snow with warming temperatures, but I would not be particularly worried about slides. There is more snow and colder temps forecast for Sunday and Monday. Fingers crossed for a bit more powder riding.

The road from the Buttermilk TH was reasonable but is melting out quickly. There were a few dirt patches that will grow tomorrow.

Beautiful day to spend in the mountains and the riding through the upper bowls was quite nice.

Region

Lionhead Range

Location (from list)

Lionhead Ridge

Observer Name

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