Big inversion/ Very wet heavy snow

Date Tue, 02/04/2025 - 15:00 Activity Skiing

We toured up Lick Creek today. The temp in the parking lot was 17*F, temps warmed as we climbed up out of the valley. At the top of the ridge at roughly 8450' the temp was 45*F in the shade according to my zip o gauge thermometer on my back pack +/-. The snow was wet and heavy, ski quality was mediocre to poor. The conditions were stable with nothing moving and lots and lots of buried tracks. There was lots of glopping on the skins! It was quite a problem. The ski out was ok in the track but sticky elsewhere making making things somewhat challenging. Back at the parking lot at 3pm it was 15*F. The last 100' to the car was cold powder.

I have never seen an inversion quite like that!

sorry no pics or video.

Thank you for the work you do!

I hope this is useful and not redundant.

Jon Goodman

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