

YNP Plateau along US-191

Date

Sun, 12/20/2020 - 15:07

Activity

Skiing

Returned to Telemark Meadows to see if the new snow since Thursday improved the skiing. Didn't ski. From about Specimen Creek, the weather was 22-23 F and freezing rain. There was a 1/4" ice crust on the surface at the TM turn-around. Assume the same in the other areas along US-191 including Bacon Rind. Crazy to see that much ice accumulation here (looks more like New England / upstate NY).

Drove to Beehive where it was partly sunny, windy and about 30. As reported, thin cover with facets on the ground but less overall snow than in the Park. South facing slopes did ski OK as the facets are not present due, I guess, to sun exposure. The bottom 6-8" are a cohesive mass of large crystals firmly bonded to the ground with what snow has fallen pretty firmly bonded. Problem, of course, is south facing is even thinner snowpack. I made a good PETEX sacrifice to Ullr.

Region

Southern Madison

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