

Spring Skiing on the Eastside

May 12-14 by Ron Norton



Joe White (l) and Chris Jakober (r) skiing up towards university pass

Chris Jakober, Joe White and I, spent a few days looking for (and finding!) skiable/boardable snow in the eastern Sierra. We explored the bowl south east of University peak (good corn!), NE chute on Independence Peak (lots of avalanche debris, but skiable), and the east couloir on Basin Mt. (everything from firm/icy to corn to bottomless mush). We were fortunate to hit a good weather window during a spring that seemed to have more snowy than sunny days. Viva La Nina!

I had intended to write a more detailed trip report, but ran out of time! Enjoy the pictures.



Joe enjoying the great snow



Thunderstorm in camp below Basin Mt.



*Chris Jakober booting it up the NE couloirs
on Independence Peak*



*Chris Jakober boarding down the NE couloir
on Independence Peak*