

Power Outage (5480')

Lumiere Ridge (5651')

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Diffused sun, warm temps, increasing avy to extreme

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Put in a partial day skiing to give Dicey the feel for downhill boards. She was skiing the whole mountain so for lunch grabbed our gear and headed up for Power Outage and Lumiere Ridge. Close yet overlooked, both are on the same ridge.

Followed from the saddle north of the ridge past the power towers, traversed on the flat south, then diagonally up SW on the northeast side of the ridge. The cornices had broken off and the previous week had seen traffic from riders seeking fresh turns. At the saddle we used ice axes for the final 30 feet. That little bit keeps most off it. The summit had a nice snowcap on it. I went up mostly rock on the SW side and saw what looked like a cairn. After checking out the summit views, I went back and found under the rocks, buried part way in dirt two summit registers. A film canister was open and the paper dry. Only seven names entered -Kloke in 97, Fred Beavon in 04... Either seldom done or none finding the reg. Then Dicey pulled out a surprise. Yana had been in her pack. Nice she could be with us in spirit.

As we headed down some darker clouds from the SW moved in. Thought it was going to rain, but it kept holding off. Iron lead off up and down following the ridge. After a while the clouds fogged us in and it was hard to discern the summit. We kept going and tagging high points and finally finding the open area and high point (5651') an hour from Power Outage.

Food, relaxing, Dicey trying snowball trundling... Deep snow so no chance of finding the reg. We worked our way back the way we came, much faster with a broken trail. The warming temps made for an easy choice of not leaving a route lower on the ridge. Saddle in only 35 minutes and 10 more to our skis (and snowboard). A snowshoed north up over the ridge and in a half hour we swooped to the Stevens Pass base area and celebration of a good day in the lodge. Only hitch was the waiter wanting to see Yana's ID :-)