
Pyramid Peak A & Thunder Mountain, CA - 3/1/08

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Pyramid Peak A

Access from Reno, NV

US 395 South

US 50 West to small parking area on north (right) side of road 6.8 miles west of Echo Summit

Drive Time: 1:29

Run 1:

I skinned up the southeast ridge of Pyramid Peak A. The winds were strong above treeline making for a rapid descent down frozen snow up high and mashed potatoes down low.

Elevation: 3861'

Distance: ~7 miles

Time: 3:40

Thunder Mountain

Access from Reno, NV

US 395 South

US 50 West

CA 89 South

CA 88 West to Kirkwood Ski Area

Run 2:

I began skinning up below the highest lift in the area and was soon confronted by a member of the ski patrol which resulted in a lengthy conversation about uphill traffic and downhill traffic. I continued upwards despite the threats, then dropped the southwest side finding frozen snow.

Elevation: ~620'

Run 3:

I skinned up to the east ridge of Thunder Mountain reaching the 9410 and 9408 summits, then descended the north side of the ridge finding powdery snow.

Elevation: ~1630'

Time: 2:30

Total Elevation: ~6111'

Pyramid Peak A

<http://www.backcountryclub.org/1//images/rsgallery/original/pyramidse.jpg>

Weather-affected tree on Pyramid Peak A's SE ridge

<http://www.backcountryclub.org/1//images/rsgallery/original/tree-2.jpg>

Thunder Mountain from Red Lake Peak's SW Ridge 3/2/08

<http://www.backcountryclub.org/1//images/rsgallery/original/thunderpic.jpg>

Pyramid Map <http://www.backcountryclub.org/1//images/rsgallery/original/pyramidsmall.jpg>

Thunder Map

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