

A great ski day was held on the Grand Mesa on March 20, with the Western Slope chapter of the Rocky Mountaineers was had by all on the mesa. It was a small intimate group on a beautiful bluebird spring day. The Alpine skiers met and enjoyed the West side of Powderhorn while the XC skiers skied one of the splendid Grand Mesa trails.

We gathered on the deck to share and learn about our organization and each other too. While alpine skiing, Grand Valley District Ranger Bill Edwards (one of the longest tenured Rangers in R2) spent the day skiing with our group in uniform and while skiing the slopes, we had other Federal Retired agencies skiers inquire about organization and wish they had a nonprofit group like Rocky Mountaineers.

During the happy hour on the Powderhorn ski area deck, a celebration was expressed by all because the flagship lift Flat Top Flyer re-started back up after a few weeks of shutdown due to the gearbox breaking and parts coming from Switzerland. One of our attendees Dave Armlovich went to DIA to pick up the gearbox part and then spent 3 days trying to get back during the big front range snowstorm. Glee was shared by all on the deck when the chairs were moving again and then next day re-opened again.

The West Slope Chapter plans to continue this tradition next year in February and location TBD, but Sunlight Ski area is in the preliminary plan. Stay tuned and Happy Spring season!

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