

Gear Test Week Update – Day 2

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The real story of the day's testing was the veritable revolving door in the boot room. Reviewers had their fill of footwear with close to fifty models of AT boots and twenty plus telemark models on the stacks—from excruciating-vice-grip fits to velvet slippers. Under burning bluebird conditions the snow began to transition from cold smoke to corn. A handful of testers made the forty-five minute boot pack up James Peak giving Backcountry Photo Editor Simon Peterson plenty of opportunity to “make testers famous” with his lens.

Day two wrapped up with shouts of “Happy birthday to you!” echoing down the slopes of Powder Mountain. The entire team stopped by Utah’s oldest bar, the Shooting Star, to celebrate tester Holly Howard’s birthday. The sunburned and goggle-tanned the team partook in the two-century-old traditions of the Shooting Star—beer, good company and oversized burgers—before returning to the Red Moose to recuperate for tomorrow.

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