

## Gear Test Week Update - Day 5

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The week kicked off with powder conditions and, under sunny skies, the snow stayed soft all week long. Now, the staff has nearly 1,400 individual test sheets to sort and analyze to determine the winners of the 2013 Editors' Choice Awards.

It seems like yesterday when we woke at 4 a.m. for our morning news slot

on Salt Lake City's CBS affiliate. The last five days have been a blur of skis, boots, beermingos, binding readjustments, stripped screws and a lot of good friends. As each tester makes their way home, we want to thank them all for making this last week possible. Thanks to Powder Mountain and the Ogden Convention Bureau for hosting us. And thanks to Ron and the staff at the Red Moose Lodge for giving us the run of the place.

Be sure to check out the [2013 Backcountry Gear Guide](#) and the [2013 Outside Buyer's Guide](#) for results from the test.

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