



BMT 2019 - Wax Report

1/30/19 - This year's **Zions Bank - Boulder Mountain Tour** will feature a chance of snow and very wax-friendly conditions. Our crew will continue testing products all week, but the forecasts are very predictable and stable. **NOTE: Due to recent changes in how wax ingredients are regulated and classified for import to the USA there is a shortage in High End base products. Shops are running low as key products are in high demand.**

Observations:

The BMT is generally presents colder conditions and, with the distance and general snow-type of the region, we always wax a bit **colder than predicted** for durability. 2019 will be PERFECT for any wax in the Swix "7" range. **The HIGHER the Fluro the better** - a medium+ structure will also be very beneficial. Swix Waxes are in a league of their own in these temperatures, humidity and surface conditions and will be visibly faster from start to finish. Tilling will bring up slightly colder/sharper snow but conditions leading up to race were not extreme.

Good: Base Layer of Swix CH or LF 6 or 7 (let cool then scrape and brush) top/race layer of **LF7x**. Be sure to aggressively brush the first layer with a nylon brush to expose the structure. A colder first layer will also work well.

Better: Base Layer of Swix LF6x or 7x or (ideally) HF6x of 7x Ironed then brushed lightly with a bronze brush or aggressively with a nylon brush. Top/race layer of **HF7x**, iron, cool, scrape, brush with white nylon. Any Cera F Liquid or Spray in the same temp range will also speed up the skis at the start of the race and insure overall base coverage.

Best Possible: Base Layer of Swix Marathon and/or HF6x. Harder/cold initial layers improve durability and wax bonding. Iron, cool at room temp for 30 minutes then scrape and brush with a soft bronze brush. Secret Weapon (and the most winning wax of all time): **Swix FC7X Cera F Powder** (ironed) scrape and brush out. Cover with **HVC warm or Cera F Warm Rocket Spray**. This is EXACTLY what these waxes are made for and NO other products come close.

Final thoughts: First layers colder/harder help the durability. The humidity WILL jump-up prior to the race and that's where Swix fluoro waxes have an advantage and greater 'sweet spot' compared to other brands. Keep it simple, avoid the weirdness and please shop locally as your shops know the conditions the best.

Your Hometown ski shops are a BIG part of this race

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