

Looking for instability

Date

Wed, 01/04/2023 - 11:35

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode into Teepee Basin first. We had perfect visibility and saw no avalanches. We dug on the far north ridge on a south facing slope: HS 105, ECTN25 on facets about 40 cm off the ground. There is a lack of recent avalanche activity and ECTN score, which point towards a snowpack trending towards [stability](#), but the snowpack structure is still suspect: facets underlying a [slab](#).

Next we rode to a small and recent avalanche in Cabin Creek. We were alerted to it last night. Although it was steep and wind-loaded, it illustrated the lurking problem we are finding in most areas. [Faceted snow](#) is not entirely trusted. We did not see evidence of avalanches on Skyline ridge and folks are starting to climb.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Cabin Creek

Observer Name

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