

New Snow in the Northern Bridgers

Date

Fri, 01/03/2025 - 12:30

Activity

Skiing

Snowmobiling

We rode up to Fairy Lake today and skinned to the top of the ridge between Fairy and Frazier basin. It snowed all day and visibility was limited; no recent avalanches were seen. One thing we noted was how little wind effect was present in this zone. Winds have been abnormally calm in the Bridger range the last few days, and many spots that are typically scoured, had full coverage.

We dug a [snowpit](#) on SE [aspect](#) at 8550'. It was 5' deep, with nearly 21" of new snow. The base of the snowpack consisted of several decomposing melt-freeze crusts and facets. We did not get unstable test results in this pit.

The snow that fell in the last 24 hours, came in upside-down (temperatures began cold, and ended warm). This was noticeable while breaking trail and skiing down.

We did not note any cracking or collapsing. Despite seeing no red flags, we still recognize that the Bridgers have received 2+ feet of new, dense snow this week with little respite between storms. We stuck to our conservative travel plan and avoided slopes steeper than 30 degrees. Thankfully, there's tons of great low-angle powder skiing and riding to be had out there!

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

Fairy Lake

Observer Name

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