

Observations around Beehive

Date

Sat, 02/12/2022 - 12:30

Activity

Skiing

While on a tour with a buddy today, we toured out to Beehive Pass and found some pretty strong wind gusts and noticed active loading near ridge lines. We skied a south aspect (dogleg route @ 9800 feet) and found stable snow. We then skied across the basin to check on a north aspect and dug a pit at 9500 and found weak layer buried under 2 feet of snow (ETCP21) and went back across to another south face chute next to going home chute. While skinning up, we noticed some pretty rotten snow and it was easy to punch a pole to the ground. We didn't find instabilities in the chute, but wouldn't want to be there after a big load. Solar aspects were receiving strong sun, the surface was starting to warm up when we descended but did not notice any pinwheels. The snow down in the basin was starting to glop on our ski bases on the way out. I noticed a group turn around after digging a pit below 4th of July as well as the SE couloir of beehive peak. Another group turned around after digging a pit on another North aspect as well.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Basin

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