

Increasing Stability

Date

Thu, 02/16/2023 - 13:05

Activity

Skiing

We toured up to the Skillet today. We noticed that winds from the NE had drifted the 4-6" of storm snow throughout Bacon Rind. The wind drifting is a bigger concern in the less sheltered areas of Bacon Rind. We dug two pits on a SE [aspect](#) at 7500', and 8,600'. There is a melt freeze crust sitting atop a layer of facets 4-6" below the surface, and this propagated easily in our pits (ECTP 3, ECTP 11). This is not a concern now, but it could be when new snow falls on this weak snow. Next, we dug a pit in the meadow to the south of the Skillet at 8,800'. We found [surface hoar](#) 14" below the surface, and it did not propagate in our test. In our pit at the top of the Skillet, we did not see [propagation](#) either. The terrain we were in today is trending towards [stability](#).

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Bacon Rind

Observer Name

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