

Mixed Results in Sheep Creek

Date

Sun, 12/10/2023 - 10:45

Activity

Skiing

We toured yesterday out of Cooke City up Sheep Creek using the standard Skin Track through the valley to a low ridge near Sunset Peak. In the valley on lower exposed slopes we heard large whumphs, and proceeded maintaining wide berth of overhead slopes. As we gained the ridge on a relatively isolated southern slope these signs were not as apparent, but the weak faceted layer was noticeable as we could still push our ski poles all the way to the ground. The snow from a week ago is relatively cohesive now and didn't show much reactivity. There was only a couple of natural avalanches on the southern side of the valley observed, and several snowmobile tracks heading up steeper slopes which didn't show reactivity. We avoided slopes over 30 and followed a travel protocol if the uphill slopes were suspected to be over 30.

Region

Cooke City

Location (from list)

Sheep Creek