

Wind slabs on Saddle Peak

Date

Sat, 01/21/2023 - 11:10

Activity

Skiing

We skied down the "skyline" ridge of Saddle Peak. Recent strong winds drifted snow into small 4" soft slabs near the ridgelines, and there were a variety of new and old hard slabs and scoured surfaces throughout all elevations on the descent. We dug a pit around 9,000' and had an ECTP14 6-10" deep below a very hard [slab](#) sitting on sugary facets. We guess this is what the snowboarder triggered avalanche on Wednesday failed on, but that is just a guess. Due to the weak facets some of these hard slabs might be unstable for a few more days. Snow depth was 150-210cm where we dug. There is weak snow near the bottom of the snowpack that we need to remember for when there is heavier [loading](#) from snow and wind, but it seems unlikely it will cause an avalanche right now with little recent snowfall.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

Saddle Peak

Observer Name

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