

Weak snow in Taylor Fork

Date

Wed, 12/27/2023 - 11:15

Activity

Snowmobiling

Rode in to put up the Taylor Fork weather station on Pika Point. Coverage on the road down low is thin, but just barely doable.

Dug a pit on an E [aspect](#) in Sunlight Basin at ~9500 ft. The entire two foot deep snowpack was weak and faceted. Even the new snow that fell last weekend is beginning to facet and [surface hoar](#) is growing on top. The [slab](#) has broken down enough that we couldn't get it propagate in an ECT (ECTN17 & ECTX) and the [slab](#) fractured in a PST (PST15/100 SF). We also dug a quick pit on the headwall in Carrot Basin and found a similarly weak ~2ft deep snowpack.

The chief concern right now would be finding a spot that does have an intact [slab](#), most likely in a windloaded area.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Taylor Fork

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