

## Snowmobiler got collapsing

Watkins Creek  
Lionhead Range  
12/28/2018  
Code  
Elevation  
8000  
Aspect Range  
E-SE  
Notes

From an email from Bret Rasmussen:

(Collapsing) "This occurred as I was driving through the snow. I had observed this evidence of collapsing in a few areas, but in the picture I actually witnessed the snow settle. Above and South of Watkins Creek. East Southeast [aspect](#). 8000 feet."

His assessment (we concur): " The [weak layer](#) does not seem to be healing... It's going to take a deeper snow pack to promote [stability](#) but at the same time this will stress the existing [weak layer](#). I'm afraid we are headed for a very troubled avalanche season!"

The attached video and [snowpit](#) is from the same day, not very far to the north in Trapper Creek.

Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Problem Type  
Persistent Weak Layer  
Images  
[Collapsing and cracking\\_2](#)  
[Collapsing and cracking\\_1](#)  
[Trapper Creek Profile](#)  
Attached Videos  
[Weak and Unstable, Hebgen - 28 Dec](#)  
Slab Thickness units  
centimeters  
Single / Multiple / Red Flag  
Single Avalanche  
Advisory Year  
[18-19](#)