

Whumpfing at Blackmore

Date

Fri, 02/03/2023 - 12:30

Activity

Skiing

Today we skied the northmost avalanche path on the east face of Blackmore; the farthest lookers right avi path before the trees. There were strong winds blowing from the southwest which created a very strong, 3-5in deep, wind crust. Certain aspects were heavily wind-loaded creating a very pocketed snowpack in some places. In the first 100 feet of my descent, I experienced three whumpfs; all of which came from different pockets of snow. Some areas appeared to be very well bonded, whereas others were far less so. We also observed multiple crowns across the eastern face, all of which appeared to have slid a few days ago. They ranged in width from 50-300ft and looked to be 1-3ft tall. The runout and debris were not visible.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Mt Blackmore

Observer Name

Danyon Halama