

Natural Avalanche in the Taylor Fork

Date

Wed, 03/01/2023 - 21:00

Activity

Snowmobiling

There was about 15" of storm snow. One of the slopes in Sage Basin avalanched with a large [cornice trigger](#). The [slide](#) failed 85 cm deep (~3 feet) on a layer of [surface hoar](#). The [surface hoar](#) was a surprise as we haven't seen avalanches on this layer for a long time. I got an ECTP27 in the flank, and it failed on the same layer of [surface hoar](#) as the avalanche. I would recommend minimizing time on wind-loaded slopes or avoiding them all together. Weak layers buried 3-4 feet deep are back in play, and I wouldn't ride a steep slope without testing them quickly.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Taylor Fork

Observer Name

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