

# Many natural avalanches in Island Park

Date

Thu, 03/16/2023 - 14:15

Activity

Snowmobiling

From the FAA road up Sawtelle Peak outside Island Park we were able to see many crown lines and debris piles from the last 2 days of Avalanche Warnings. Most avalanches involved new snow, but there was 1 deep avalanche on Mt. Jefferson's east face that was large (D3). The FAA did avalanche control and an avalauncher round triggered a small, but deep [slide](#) (2-5' deep) and a larger explosive on another slope yielded no results. We saw 8 backcountry avalanches from the road. These were east and north facing, the only aspects available for viewing.

The snowfall totaled 3' and it will take a few days for the snowpack to become more stable. In the meantime, be patient and stay off of steep slopes.

Region

Island Park

Location (from list)

Sawtelle Peak

Observer Name

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