

Loose wet, wind crusts, promising snowpack in Bridgers

Date

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Activity

Skiing

Headed north of Bridger Bowl today to get some early season turns. Skied hourglass couloir off the ridge where we found a shockingly shallow snowpack that featured a thin wind crust ranging from a zipper crust to a thicker 2 inch wind slab on top of the snow below. The slab was not significant or connected enough to propagate/show shooting cracks. Later in our tour, in areas where the snowpack was deeper and more protected, I was happy to find 50 to 80 cms of snow that was mostly right side up with soft snow on top on shady aspects. The surface snow was beginning to decompose but with the warm temperatures it is moving slow. I could still make a small snow ball with the surface snow. Within the snow pack there is very little evidence of faceting. On our way out, solar aspects were beginning to shed and there were a number of wet loose avalanches. It will be interesting to see how the snowpack evolves over the next few days.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

Texas Meadow

Observer Name

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