Fluff over weak layers

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Just an initial look at low elevation snow around some of the ice climbs.

8" of new snow at the Grotto Falls TH.

I couldn't find any <u>surface hoar</u> that was buried by last night's snow, but I'm sure it's out there. Doesn't really matter because there's plenty of weak, faceted snow that was the previous snow surface.

The new snow is all fluff and not a concern at lower elevations in Hyalite. Perhaps it could be enough of a load and enough of a cohesive <u>slab</u> at higher elevations where more snow fell.

For now, things seem mostly stable, but that will change quickly with any amount of wind.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) Hyalite - main fork Observer Name Staples