

Wet Snow in the Southern Madison

Date

Fri, 03/28/2025 - 14:15

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode into the Taylor Fork, up to the weather station, and out towards the wilderness boundary. Temperatures were around 40 degrees at the car. There was a surficial refreeze last night with a skiff of [graupel](#) on top. With mostly sunny skies and calm winds the snow surface dampened quickly.

We dug down on two sunny aspects (E-SE) and noted moist snow throughout the snowpack. In our first [snowpit](#) (9220', HS:108) we did not get notable test results (ECTX). We found that although [faceted snow](#) remains at the base of the snowpack, water has percolated down and moistened these basal layers.

We also dug on a NW [aspect](#) (8800', HS:199) with no notable test results (ECTX). Moist snow exists in the upper 1.5' of the snowpack with dry snow to the ground.

We noted no cracking or collapsing. We saw a good number of wet-loose avalanches on steep sunny slopes, but all were relatively small in width and depth.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Taylor Fork

Observer Name

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