

Loud Whumpfs, big slabs, and propagation

Date

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Activity

Skiing

Once to the right of the top if bacon rind we made a pit and discovered a weak layer at 6 inches deep propagating at an ECT rating of 6. Continuing on with the test we discovered a large layer (the same weak persistent layer we've had all year) about 60 cms below the surface and the slab moved as a whole at an ETC of 22. Super unstable snowpack so we decided to keep it below 30°. Then when skinning along the top we had to full whumpfs that sounded like a train was starting up. Finally we had a very unfun situation on a slope nearing 30 degrees that propagated and my partners said they saw it fall behind me. Overall super unsafe and I'd say avi danger was considerable. Those sweet 35° slopes are asking to slide. We also observed an old avalanche. Stayed out of harms way but am definitely getting new shorts.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Bacon Rind

Observer Name

Rio Wofford