

Collapsing on NE aspect in Bear Basin

Bear Basin

Northern Madison

3/19/2022

Code

Latitude

45.34530

Longitude

-111.37500

Notes

From obs: "We were one basin north of Bear basin on the NE ramp of Bear Peak (10400'). We were on an NNE [aspect](#) of the ramp taking off our skis to dig a pit when we noticed how rotten the snow was, boot pen was immediately up to our waste. My partner noticed a subtle [collapse](#) and a couple of seconds later we both felt and audibly heard a larger [collapse](#). There were a few shooting cracks about 5-8 feet up the slope from us and arcing about 10 feet across the slope. We gingerly put our skis back on and traversed down and away from to a low-angle bench.

Digging hasty hand pits and probing with our poles we continued to notice hard crusts and slabs with weak snow beneath them on E and NE aspects protected from the sun but less so on anything slightly south-facing or west. During a quick column test on a SE [aspect](#) at about 10,200', the result was CT14."

Number of slides

0

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Red Flag

Advisory Year

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