

Observations and Naturals in Lionhead

Date

Fri, 12/15/2023 - 13:10

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode up Denny Creek towards Watkins Creek and spent the day below the ridge where we saw two natural avalanches. These avalanches broke 12-18" deep on weak [faceted snow](#) above a stiff crust. The first avalanche presumably happened sometime near the end of the last storm cycle (12/11), as it had a few inches of snow on the debris. The second was more recent, in the last 24-36 hours. Both were at 8500' and were on NE and E-facing slopes.

We dug two snow pits near these avalanches and saw [propagation](#) in both on a layer of weak sugary snow buried about a foot deep (ECTP13 & ECTP12). Across the area [surface hoar](#) was easy to find on the snow surface.

Region

Lionhead Range

Location (from list)

LIONHEAD AREA

Observer Name

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