

West of Sawtelle Peak

Date

Fri, 03/19/2021 - 07:27

Activity

Snowmobiling

Surface was boiler plate leaving Island Park. We rode up high to the ridge (9200') to the west of Sawtelle Peak and dug on a NE facing slope, 9,200', 6' of snow on the ground. Weak, sugary snow is on the surface (near-surface facet) and the main issue with the new snow. **The new snow won't stick to the old surface and avalanches will be likely.** Sugary [depth hoar](#) facets are still felt in the bottom 40 cm but it's stable for now. Snowpack is very similar to Lionhead. Danger is Low today, but when the new snow arrives through the weekend the avalanche danger will rise. I imagine it will not bond on many slopes and it will not be obvious where the NSF will be buried. Tomorrow will be vastly different than today.

Region

Island Park

Location (from list)

Sawtelle Peak

Observer Name

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