

New snow and facets in Cooke

Date

Tue, 12/20/2022 - 14:05

Activity

Snowmobiling

Rode to Daisy Pass, back around to Henderson Bench, out to the wilderness boundary past Round Lake, and then to the bowl between Scotch Bonnet and Sheep. Low visibility, but no signs of instability or avalanches observed. Close to a foot of new snow.

Dug on Henderson Bench on a NE [aspect](#) and a N [aspect](#) at the Wilderness boundary above Astral Creek. Facets were 4F+ to 1F hardness and didn't get any break at all in the facets. Did get an ECTP11 under the new snow on Henderson Bench. Dug low on the SE face of Scotch Bonnet. Facets were more pronounced and a little softer (4F). Got an *unofficial* ECTP with extra hard taps past the prescribed 30.

New snow and wind were the primary concern. Isolated areas where you might get a [slide](#) to break deep on the facets are a less likely, but more consequential concern.

Region

Cooke City

Location (from list)

COOKE CITY

Observer Name

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