

## We expect avalanches

Date

Tue, 02/14/2023 - 11:30

Activity

Skiing

We broke trail into Mt Ellis in 12-14" of new snow (8% density). At the ridgeline east wind was just starting to pick up. The new snow was also beginning to form a cohesive [slab](#). We had no whumpfing and only minimal cracking, but with new snow and wind we decided to stay out of avalanche terrain. The [snowpit](#) structure is weak and I sunk to the ground when I stepped out of my skis. A [stability test](#) showed poor [stability](#) (ECTP2) underneath the new snow which confirmed our assessment. We skied good snow on low-angled slopes back to the car.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Mt Ellis

Observer Name

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