

Less Feedback but Still Unstable

Date

Sun, 02/04/2024 - 11:50

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode north of Cooke City today, 02/04/2024. We stopped below Fisher Bench and dug on an NE-facing slope at 9600'. What we found were unstable test scores, ECTP25, and a poor structure of weak snow. This pit had a well-defined strip of [surface hoar](#) that [stability](#) tests were failing on.

We moved on from here over Lulu Pass and towards the wilderness boundary. Along the way, we saw multiple old avalanches and a few more recent ones from last week's warm-up. While climbing a small test slope I saw shooting cracks coming from my skis, and could feel my [track](#) breaking through the [slab](#) to the weak snow below. Overall the snowpack is in poor shape and just putting a foot down in some places it was easy to break through the [slab](#) and fall to your waist in facets.

Light snow fell through the day with little daytime accumulation. The storm was well distributed with 3-4" in all the areas we rode today. Winds were calm and the sun tried to break through the clouds but it remained mostly cloudy.

Region

Cooke City

Location (from list)

Lulu Pass

Observer Name

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