

## Deep vs Shallow Beehive area

Date

Wed, 01/15/2025 - 13:25

Activity

Skiing

Went looking for shallow and weak snow. Found it in the small steep slope just above the creek not far from the TH (HS ~80-90cm, fist hard facets near the ground, ECTP18).

Then dug near the top of Tyler's where it is typically weak. HS 103 cm, F+ hardness facets about a foot above the ground, ECTP28).

In Middle Basin we found snow depths of 150 cm and 200 cm.

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No avalanches seen and we had good visibility. (one group was skiing in upper Bear)

No collapsing or cracking either.

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It seems unlikely to [trigger](#) avalanches on facets in deeper areas. It seems possible in thinner areas. How possible? Not sure exactly, but the odds are decreasing the longer things sit without more snow or [wind loading](#).

The primary concerns moving forward are wind slabs and storm slabs unless there is some major storm with a lot of wind and water.

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Generally [Moderate danger](#) but we could be moving towards Low with time and depending on the weather.

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Snow quality - lots of good powder, but lots of wind affected snow above treeline. Sunny slopes got damp today.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Basin

Observer Name

Staples & Staples & Sunny