

Wind slabs over a weak layer

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Activity

Skiing

We skied up the Throne and encountered serious wind effected terrain. Some slopes were blown clear, others has ripples of [sastrugi](#), and yet others were wind-loaded. After a pit down low yielded nothing significant, we skied higher to look for wind-loaded slopes. We found a natural crack that occurred in a [wind slab](#), and then we dug near the ridge at a spot we typically descend. We got an ECTP9, an unstable test result. The video shows it well. Wind loads are isolated, but they could avalanche. They are easy to find: they were the only smooth parts of the slope.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

The Throne

Observer Name

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