Divide Basin

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I toured up to Divide basin today, and found excellent surface conditions for skiing. There was about 1" of new snow that was being blown around by moderate winds down lower, but the ridgelines looked like they were getting hammered. I experienced one collapse on a low angle, east aspect at 9400' while ascending an old skin track on my second lap. It looked like a prior party had gotten ECTX in a snow pit nearby, so the little bit of snow has changed things.

I also observed a fairly large, cornice-triggered avalanche on an east aspect at 9600' that looked to be several hours old. The crown was 40-100 cm deep, and it looked like it failed about 20 cm into the facets that make up the lower half of the snowpack in this region.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) NORTHERN GALLATIN RANGE Observer Name Sam Reinsel