

NE Face of Elephant (Bunny Ears)

Date

Wed, 01/19/2022 - 05:30

Activity

Skiing

Erika and I skied the Bunny Ears yesterday in what I'd describe as thin and "conditionally stable" conditions. We dug a quick pit at the top of the line and found a shallow snow pack (~1 meter) with rounding depth hoar near the ground. With crusty wind hammered surface conditions and no cohesive slab the only test results we saw was a Q3 CT12 about 20 cm off the ground. After an ECTX for good measure we dropped in and enjoyed improving ski quality the lower we got until the trees got too tight and the facet wallowing began. Although the underlying structure still isn't great up there, it's really hard for me to imagine a human triggering anything significant right now, but obviously that could change when a major load gets added.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Elephant Mountain

Observer Name

Henry Coppolillo