

Variable Surfaces-Hellroaring

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During the annual setup for the Hellroaring Hut we underestimated the amount of snow based on snotel readings in the area. 18"+ in shaded areas around 7,500' and < 6"-12" on solar aspects, steep solar aspects were already melting out and bare ground was being exposed. Thick sun crusts we're already formed on most solar aspects, while shaded regions remained unconsolidated. Lots of surface hoar growth in the meadows. Long story short, it's good to know the relationship/aspect of the Snotel sites you trust for data mid winter, going forward although wary season snowfall was limited there will likely be some interested surfaces to contend with in the Centennial Range until the snowpack gets deep enough to begin the healing process...

-Sam

Region

Island Park

Location (from list)

Hellroaring Creek

Observer Name

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