

Older natural avalanche

Date

Thu, 01/05/2023 - 02:35

Activity

Snowmobiling

I came across this older avalanche yesterday when I was guiding a group in the Kirkwood area, it's an area in the Cabin Creek drainage. It looked to be an older natural [slide](#) probably just after the last storm cycle a few days to almost a week ago now. After seeing the old [slide](#) and taking a look we found a safe slope with the same [aspect](#) approximately 300 yards away with the same NNE [aspect](#), dug a pit and did an ECT test with stable results.

Kirkwood

North, North East [Aspect](#)

Approximately 39 degree slope (Because of a creek with open water just below the [slide](#), I couldn't get close enough to accurately measure the slope)

ECTX...When digging the pit we could see what looked like 2 weak layers in the snow pack and a faceted layer at the ground. We had no failures during the test and even after the test when I pulled and pried with a shovel, the snow held together and showed signs of [stability](#).

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Cabin Creek

Observer Name

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