Very Poor Stability at Bacon Rind

Date
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Activity
Skiing

The stability at Bacon Rind was very poor, avalanches were likely, and we avoided (and strongly recommend avoiding) avalanche terrain. We triggered booming collapses and watched cracks shoot out across terrain features and snow shake off nearby trees for the entirety of our tour from the meadow near the car to the top of the Skillet. We avoided steeper meadows and gave the "Skillet" (the primary avalanche path where we were) a wide berth because we felt triggering a slide was so likely.

There was 8" of new snow. The upper half of the snowpack was a slab, and the lower half was airy depth hoar stressed to the point of failure. Snowpit results were ECTP11 and 12 failing 35cm down from the surface. As we have noted previously, do not trifle with this season's snowpack. It is exceptionally weak and will be slow to stabilize based on all evidence thus far this season.

Region
Southern Madison
Location (from list)
Bacon Rind
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