

Wet snow avalanches in Hyalite

Hyalite - East Fork

Northern Gallatin

11/21/2024

Code

WL-N-R1-D1.5-U

Elevation

7900

Notes

From obs: "With the inversion and warmer temperatures yesterday, we (group of 3) discovered a super saturated, cohesive snowpack in Hyalite on the approach to High Fidelity. On the first pitch, I narrowly avoided a point release wet loose, probably around D1-1.5. After this we decided to bail. On the rappel, my partner narrowly avoided another wet loose, which he estimated to be D1.5 and deep enough to bury a person past their chest. The sun was not out but the mountains were shedding and there was evidence of warming and wind, because the trees had no snow on them. We were able to make ~2.5 feet in diameter "cinnamon rolls" by rolling a snowball downhill. If you're going to any of the more exposed climbs in Hyalite, be very mindful of overhead hazards and wet loose problems which you would not expect this time of year."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Wet loose-snow avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

1

D size

1.5

Bed Surface

U - Unknown

Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[24-25](#)