

## Kicking wind slabs on Blackmore Trail

Mt Blackmore  
Northern Gallatin  
11/27/2022  
Code  
SS-ASc-R1-D1-O  
Elevation  
8700  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.44440  
Longitude  
-111.00400  
Notes

Toured up to the NE shoulder on Mt. Blackmore yesterday. Winds were strong and variable, but mostly gusting from the S-SW. A lot of snow was moving around, skin tracks were filled in very quickly, and you could actively see small cornices starting to build on the lee side of the ridge.

On the descent, I intentionally triggered a small wind pocket in one of the chutes in the cliffs near the trail at 8700 ft. I included a video. It was D1 and about 5 inches deep at the crown. I think just a good reminder that even in the trees, the tops of those chutes get wind loaded and can definitely [slide](#).

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Skier  
Trigger Modifier  
c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger  
R size  
1  
D size  
1  
Bed Surface  
O - Old snow  
Problem Type  
Wind-Drifted Snow  
Slab Thickness  
5.0 inches  
Vertical Fall  
100ft

Slab Width

20.00ft

Images

[Kicking off a small wind slab](#)

Attached Videos

[Ski cutting small wind drifts - H. Darby](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Small wind slab avalanche east aspect Hyalite](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[22-23](#)