

Mt Ellis Sat Dec 17th

Date

Sat, 12/17/2022 - 13:05

Activity

Skiing

Skied a few laps on Ellis today, E through NE aspects

No slab avalanche activity was observed (minor sluffing on steep, cold slopes)

Got off the skin track in a few places and no whumphing or cracking

Light to moderate ridgetop winds from W and SW

Trees holding snow; no drifting/ blowing snow on Ellis

Saw A LOT of blowing/ drifting snow toward Hyalite and the Spanish Peaks at elevations above 8000'

Average HS on Ellis summit ridge 100 cm; average ski penetration 35 cm

Dug a quick test pit on a NE aspect at ~7800' (30 deg slope)

Pit results: HS 130 cm; CT 21 BRK at 85 cm; ECTX

No signs of instability; great skiing. Yay!

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Mt Ellis

Observer Name

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