

Wind Drifted Snow Buck Ridge

Date

Wed, 02/08/2023 - 13:15

Activity

Snowmobiling

The 3-5" of new snow at Buck Ridge has blown into 1-1.5' [wind slab](#) throughout the area. Cornices were built along the trail, and along ridgelines. The wind continued to transport snow today. We rode towards Beaver Creek to see if there was any avalanche activity—we saw a few small wind slabs. Next, we headed to the head of Bear Creek. The snow had built big pillows of wind drifted snow along the climb to the wilderness boundary. We observed some cracking on this slope when we stepped off our sleds. We stopped and dug a pit on the east facing slope at 9,400'. We found 7.5' of snow (240 cm), and we had an ECTP 14, 2.5 feet below the surface of the snow on a layer of facets.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Buck Ridge

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