Weak Snow at the Throne

Date
Mon, 12/18/2023 - 16:50
Activity
Skiing

The road into the Throne was marginally snow-covered. It was good enough to get in on sleds without them overheating, but it may not make it long with above-freezing temperatures. We toured up the shoulder to the north-facing run off the top, digging four pits along the way. We experienced no collapsing or obvious signs of instability deeper than superficial cracking. We found 10-24" of snow on the ground. In many of the thinner areas, the entire snowpack consisted of facets.

We focused on finding areas with a cohesive slab over the facets as our primary concern. We had unstable results in the pit in which we found this recipe (ECTP12), but feeling that there was a lack of connectivity in the slab, we proceeded. In our other pits, we had ECTNs and ECTXs because the entire snowpack consisted of facets.

Region
Bridger Range
Location (from list)
The Throne
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