



The upper stripe in the photograph is a layer of surface hoar buried 45cm off the ground. It is breaking clean in our stability tests (ECTP22 and 27). Mark found this layer in Taylor Fork on Dec 5 and had ECTP12...so it's likely gaining strength. Surface hoar is scary because it has a tendency to break far and wide, sometimes unexpectedly. Photo: GNFAC

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