Mt. Ellis

Date Fri, 12/31/2021 - 13:00 Activity Skiing

My partner and I skied the glades off the east side of Mt. Ellis and found a relatively stable snowpack. There was cornicing present on the lee side of the ridge but we did not find the cornices or any wind slab to be reactive. We dug a snowpit on the east side down from the summit at 8240 ft. Our test results presented a CT 21 SC on a layer of facets at the ground. Our ECT presented as ECTN 16 at 64cm above the ground on what looked to be an interface between old/new/wind deposited snow. The skiing up high is excellent. Early season conditions still exist down low with exposed logs, rocks, etc. Temperatures were cold, winds were calm, and a trace of snow fell throughout the day.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) Mt Ellis Observer Name Haylee Darby