

Mt. Blackmore

Date

Mon, 01/17/2022 - 12:10

Activity

Skiing

My group and I decided on Blackmore and left the trailhead around 0930. We saw a few folks on the way out to Blackmore and a couple heading back after an early morning. The weather was really nice the whole way out, unseasonably warm and not very windy at all. The warm weather is a little disappointing overall, but it made for a pleasant skin out to the base of Blackmore. The lookers right shoulder of the mountain was very tracked up and there were scatter tracks throughout the rest of the east face. We went up to 9400' near one of the lower cliff bands to dig a pit and do some stability tests. We ended up digging on a bulls eye east aspect in 110cm of snow. There were a surprising amount of layers in the snow with a soft layer of about 5-10cm of the most recent snow on top of a hard wind packed slab. Under that slab was a layer of softer rounds followed quickly by the 25-45cm of facets separated by some thin crusts. We got a CT12 and ECTP17 Q2 both breaking at the basal facet layers about 35cm from the ground. We opted for the tracked up shoulder, not the best skiing but a good day out with friends.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

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Observer Name

Sam Roberts