

Not too stoked on Saddle

Date

Tue, 01/03/2023 - 11:50

Activity

Skiing

We dropped in off the summit and my partner watched me from the top of the first cliff band while I dug below. HS 125cm. I got CT13, Q1 one foot under the surface which coincided with the natural [wind slab](#) avalanche from a few days ago. A CT16, Q1 failed one foot under that and a CT19, Q1 broke on the facets/[depth hoar](#) about one foot off the ground. Facets were F+ to 4F-. Slabs were 1F to P hardness. I was not happy about it the snow structure or test results. I decided to skin and boot back up to my partner and then head to the ridge. A big load and it'll avalanche at the ground. It's not great out there and the bigness of the terrain certainly increased my concern and effected my decision making, as it should.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

Saddle Peak

Observer Name

Doug Chabot