Beehive, Middle, and Bear Basins

Date Sat, 01/21/2023 - 04:35 Activity Skiing

Went on a "loop de doop" type of tour yesterday to see conditions around Big Sky. While skiing a north aspect off Middle Peak, we dug a pit around 10k and found a hard 6 inch wind slab on the sitting on top of a firm column, ECTP16 on this top layer and it seemed like this was an isolated problem. We skied a SW aspect from the Bear/Hellroaring ridge and found great, consolidated snow from ridge to creek. We ascended and dug a pit on a NE aspect in Bear basin and found the depth hoar that everyones been talking about, we found this about 2 feet deep and had collapse but no propagation in our stability test. We skied a SW aspect back into Middle Basin in solar affected snow, a few ski cuts cleaned out the chute and the snow ran slow, but capable of taking someone off their feet. Multiple point and release wet snow activities were observed on all similar aspects off of the ridge.

Region Northern Madison Location (from list) Beehive Basin Observer Name Tommy S