

Observations from a tour to the SE face of Blackmore

Date

Wed, 03/20/2024 - 16:40

Activity

Skiing

Snowboarding

Our party took a slow tour up and down the SE face of Blackmore today. New rollerballs were observed on E aspects, and we witnessed a natural D1 loose wet slide occur on the east face of Blackmore at around 1:00. Dug a quick pit on the way up (NE aspect, ~8700') out of curiosity about snowpack structure and fracture initiation. HS 110 cm. A compression test yielded CTM (15 taps), with a Q2 resistant planar shear at 60 cm depth. Was surprised to not find faceted snow near the bottom of the pit, despite the avalanche incident that occurred the day prior on the northeast ridge of Blackmore on a similar aspect and elevation.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Mt Blackmore

Observer Name

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