



Hellroaring Canyon

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Region

Centennial Range

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Location/Description

Hellroaring Canyon

Activity

Skiing

Snow Observations

Yesterday, I skied into Hellroaring Canyon with a group of 6 backcountry skiers staying the night at Hellroaring Hut. While guiding the skiers to the hut, we saw large deposits of avalanche debris in the bottom of major slide paths on west and southwest facing aspects of Mt. Nemesis. It appeared that some of these avalanches were roughly size 1 - 2.5. Numerous creek bottoms and cut banks had also avalanched into Hellroaring Creek. Even some very low angle NW facing gully features had been ripped out. Looking across the valley into the Blair Lake area, I noted only one very small slide on a steep, rocky aspect. I did not have a chance to dig a snow pit, but I did observe numerous huge "whoompfs" while ski touring, and it was obvious that the faceted layer underneath last week's 6 inches of new snow was failing regularly.

Latitude

44.57

Longitude

-111.54