

Poor Snowpack in Pioneers

Date

Sun, 01/21/2024 - 11:30

Activity

Skiing

Early season quick obs.....in late January.

Pioneer Mountains have about 60 cms of snow at 8,500 feet consistent with Mule Creek Snotel obs.

Structure is, not suprisingly, very poor, see photo. 30 cms of F1 to 4F newer snow from last 2 weeks sits on top of 2 layers of faceted snow (3mm - 5mm). Lacks a slab in many places but anywhere wind or sun have firmed up the top layer there is cracking and collapsing as seen in the photo.

Reports of the roadcuts on Pioneer Scenic Byway slid natural this past weekend. Common indicator slopes.

Region

Dillon Area

Location (from list)

Maverick Mountain

Observer Name

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