Windy in Beehive

Date Wed, 12/18/2024 - 12:40 Activity Skiing

Skinned up Beehive Basin, dug a pit on the edge of Tyler's and climbed up to the prayers flags. Winds picked up as we approached the ridge, moving quite a bit of snow. Skinned along the Beehive-Middle ridge for a little ways and then skied down towards Middle and skinned along above the rollover for a while. Dug a pit and returned the way we came.

<u>Snowpit</u> in Tyler's (W facing) was 80 cm deep, with an ECTP13 on the facets mid-pack. <u>Snowpit</u> on the Middle Basin side (E facing) was 120 cm deep, with an ECTP 14 on the facets mid-pack.

On our way back along the ridge we found a small natural windslab that had broken below the <u>cornice</u> during the hour since we had been there last - it broke up to around a foot deep, 20 ft wide, and ran about 15 vertical feet. This was the only avalanche we saw today.

Got a few little cracks in switchbacks along the skintrack while climbing out of Beehive, but no other cracking or collapsing.

Region Northern Madison Location (from list) Beehive Basin Observer Name Ian Hoyer and Mark Staples