

Small wind slab triggered in Flanders



Climbers triggered this very small wind slab on the way to a climb up Flanders in Hyalite (11/11). A tiny slide to a skier can be bad news for a climber since losing one's balance or getting pushed off a cliff can be deadly. From an email (edited):

Hyalite Snow Conditions:...we dug two hasty pits on east facing slopes in Flanders....
8200'- isolated opening in trees in an area on rocks, shallower snow (~50cm). CT12 at the ground, again just

tapping on the back of other hand, so not super legit, but did raise eyebrows.

8450'- Opening below cliff bands on exposed traverse. Deeper snow (~80-90cm). No concerns other than storm snow and snow coming off of cliff bands. Classic Hyalite shifty winds. We released a small (10-15cm) storm slab on traverse into the climb .

Weather: It was snowing and blowing all day.

Photo: S. Magro

Advisory Region

Northern Gallatin

Longitude

-110.93W

Latitude

45.44N

Avalanche Details: [Climber triggered wind slab in Flanders](#)

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