

Poor Structure in Tepee Basin

Date

Wed, 12/13/2023 - 13:40

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode into Tepee Basin to look at an avalanche that was triggered by riders on Saturday (12/9) from the flats below the slope. On the way in we saw widespread and large [surface hoar](#) on the snow surface. We dug a [snowpit](#) next to the avalanche and we saw ECTN results (ECTN 13) on weak-[faceted snow](#) under early December snow. This was the same layer that the avalanche failed on. Recent avalanche activity and poor structure were more than enough to keep us from riding steep slopes.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Tepee Basin

Observer Name

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