

Poor structure and test in Beehive

Date

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Activity

Skiing

We skied into Beehive Basin. It was snowing lightly with calm wind. Skinning to Tyler's slope we could see wet avalanche debris from last week. We dug on the flank of Tyler's slope to look at the crust, but the snowpack was very thin and not representative of starting zones. The corniced ridge only had minimal new snow [loading](#). As we skied up we had no collapsing. We dug in the trees on an east facing slope near the ridge, not far from all the holes the recent avalanche students made. We found 100cm of snow and got an ECTP15 on facets at the [slab](#) interface. A 5cm melt freeze crust is a nice marker from last week and Ian measured 1" of SWE above it, effectively doubling the [slab](#) depth/weight. We were in the fog on the ridge and could not get a look around.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Beehive Basin

Observer Name

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