

Good low/mid elevation stability in Hyalite above ice climbs

Date

Thu, 12/12/2024 - 11:30

Activity

Ice Climbing

Checked out the snow above Mummy 2 and the Scepter. I was surprised how little snow there was, but a lot of it likely melted off during recent warm weather which was amplified by heating of all the surrounding rocks.

The old snow surface from last weekend is faceted but not too bad, and only has 6" of snow on top. The snowpack is generally very discontinuous. Climbers can mostly walk on rocky areas with minimal snow.

My main concern is what will happen when strong south winds arrive on Saturday. Some snow may fall Sunday and south winds may continue. Fresh wind slabs will be the main concern.

****This observation is not very relevant for the snowpack in the upper bowls of Hyalite where many ski****

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Hyalite - main fork

Observer Name

Staples