



During last weekend's beautiful weather, small delicate facets formed throughout SW Montana near the snow surface. After Friday's snowfall they were buried and preserved in most places creating a new weak layer in the snowpack. The grid in the background is 1-2 mm in size. These particular crystals are called radiation recrystallized facets photographed by the YC Ski Patrol conducting avalanche research with the Engineering School at MSU.

Advisory Region  
Northern Madison

Longitude  
-111.45W  
Latitude  
45.23N

**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Sat Feb 11, 2012GNFAC Avalanche Advisory for Sun Feb 12, 2012](#)

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