Fawn Pass

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GNFAC,

Did a recon mission for a trip we're doing later in the year up to Fawn Pass today. I've attached a photo of a small, D1.5, slide I saw on a thin S facing slope at 9000'. It was definitely more than a few days old. The moderate winds were fridged on the ridges, there was 3-4" of fresh snow up high. Winds were picking up when I was leaving around 4pm. HS in the areas you would want to ski is 130-180cm, with a distinct drop felt with a probe at the bottom of the pack. Other areas are very scoured up there. I've done some dog tours up Dudley and Lick Creek the last 2 days and have not seen any obvious signs of instability. The T-Roots picked up an inch of SWE in 6 hours 5 days ago. We've had some cancellations so we haven't been up there until today but it sounds like we had a good size 3 slide hit the summer trail, presumably during that loading event. I wasn't up there so I don't have details yet but it was the first sizeable old snow slide so far this year. We've still been getting propagating test results at the ground and have been wondering why we haven't been seeing more slides, but I guess we finally reached the critical load! Thanks!

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