Wind Drifting in Taylor Fork

Date Fri, 12/23/2022 - 14:15 Activity Snowmobiling

We rode from Taylor Fork TH to Carrot Basin. We dug at the wilderness boundary on a SW <u>aspect</u> at 8,800'. HS was 130 cm (~4 feet) with 2x ECTX. We found facets from 100 cm all the way to the ground. However, facets were not our biggest concern today. The wind has drifted 12" of new snow throughout Taylor Fork, and we were unable to see how much <u>wind loading</u> was done on steeper slopes nearby. Low visibility caused by new snow and wind kept us out of avalanche terrain today. Over the next few days in this area, steep, wind loaded slopes should be carefully assessed with an ECT, and riders should watch for cracking and collapsing in the wind drifted snow.

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