

Quick Obs in Flanders

Date

Sat, 12/14/2024 - 14:05

Activity

Skiing

Toured into Flanders today with the goal of skiing the E bowl/SE glades. Winds on the way in were nearly non-existent at lower elevations. As we gained elevation, winds increased significantly, but the snow in the E bowl where we skied was largely unaffected aside from a very thin wind skin. Snow on adjacent ridges was clearly being blown. Some good jumps on a small wind loaded test roll yielded no results and a quick hand pit showed a slab that was fairly well bonded to the layers below. The hand pit slab fractured within the old snow on a layer of small facets. Some ski pole probing in many locations showed a relatively consistent snowpack in terms of hardness, but the lower snowpack is certainly of the faceted variety.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Flanders Creek

Observer Name

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