

Poor Structure Up Specimen Creek

Date

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Activity

Snowboarding

Found moist snow that was starting to freeze on solar's in Hyalite at 8000' Friday. Went searching for better conditions up Specimen Creek today. The snow quality was much better at similar aspects and elevations. Northerly aspects stayed dry in both zones but I was curious about the difference in the two advisory areas. Looking at temps from weather stations the southern range has been 10f to 15f degrees cooler.

Stability was much different as well. In Hyalite, the nsf layer that was formed in late January, looked to be rounding and didn't produce propagating results or clean shears. Up Specimen I had an ECTP15 and a CT15 Q1 on the same layer. This certainly aligns with the forecast.

On a ridge up Specimen, winds were moderate from the SW and shifted SE in the evening. I did find thin reactive wind slabs and cracking in fresh drifts. Wind was actively transporting on the ridge. I felt wind loaded slopes had the greatest potential to slide since sheltered slopes only had a 25cm slab over the weak layer but I avoided avalanche terrain regardless.

Region

Southern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Specimen Creek

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