



Karl Birkeland checks out the layering in a snowpit at Lionhead in the southern Madison Range. New snow is sitting on large, sugary, faceted grains. This pit was 20 feet uphill from an avalanche that released in the storm. It broke on the new snow and facet interface.

Advisory Region  
Southern Madison  
Longitude  
-111.30W  
Latitude  
44.71N

**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Advisory for Tue Dec 15, 2009](#)[GNFAC Avalanche Advisory for Wed Dec 16, 2009](#)

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