

Whumpfing and poor test scores near Bridger

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Activity

Skiing

Skinned up Bridger Bowl (currently backcountry above the Quad) to Bradley's Meadow and the Ramp. As we neared the top of the Alpine lift we started getting collapses and whumpfs whenever leaving the established skin [track](#). There were a few inches of old, weak, [faceted snow](#) near the top of the Alpine lift, this increased to approximately a foot of old snow at the bottom of the Ramp (7900 ft). This was covered by a foot of new snow (1.5" [snow water equivalent](#) measured). We dug at the base of the ramp on a NE [aspect](#) and got two ECTP11s on the facets.

Every other group we spoke with also experience multiple collapses. This clearly showed the snowpack was unstable and made decision making easy. We stuck to slopes <30 degrees.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

The Ramp

Observer Name

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