Recent avalanches, collapses, instability

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We rode to the cabins in Fisher Creek and skied up Wades World. A <u>slide</u> from last week was visible and we dug a few hundred feet above it. A 70 cm <u>wind slab</u> broke on the facets in our <u>stability test</u> and also in the avalanche. We got 2 large collapses as we approached the crown of the <u>slide</u> and another an hour later near Henderson Mtn. On Henderson Bench we could see 2 new avalanches that looked fresh, possibly <u>cornice</u> triggered. It was not windy, so windloading was not the <u>trigger</u>. Regardless, it was disconcerting. Across the Fisher Creek valley we could see a <u>slide</u> on the nose of Sheep Mountain on the same slope that killed a snowmobiler in 2015.

Whumpfs yesterday and today, recent slides, and a poor snow structure is worrisome.

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