

Mt. Blackmore

Date

Sun, 01/17/2021 - 09:17

Activity

Skiing

Skied the northeast ridge off Mt. Blackmore on Saturday, 1/16. No obvious signs of instability on the ascent (no whumphing, collapsing, cracking), and no signs of recent natural avalanches. Dug a pit at 9565 ft., SE facing. CT yielded no results, also did an ECT which had no results (ECTX). There's an ice crust at about 21cm from the ground sitting over facets. While we didn't get any fractures, our column slid cleanly on the crust when we pulled it. We chose to ski low angle terrain- the snowpack is clearly weak and shallow, there was wind loading (you could see continued wind transport as the day went on), and the danger was considerable.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

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