

Big sky area northern madisons

Date

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Activity

Skiing

First time for season in this popular lower elevation area in Big Sky. Yellow Mt does not have official public access from BS so can't publish the specific location. Shallow snowpack 24-36" from 6800-9200 ft S and E aspect. Facets on the ground 6-12" deep. Widespread collapsing and cracks all the way on low angle terrain to the top. Solar effect rapidly transitioning the 6-10" new snow and forming a denser slap as day progressed. Big shooting crack across the south facing path from the skin track so expected the east bowl to remotely trigger and it did from 25m away on the ridge. R3D2 slide. Confirms all previous regional reports and the concerns of the day, typical in this specific area early season. Obsessive terrain management is the only way just now.

Region

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