

Anemic snowcover in Hyalite

Date

Sat, 11/25/2023 - 10:15

Activity

Ice Climbing

We climbed to the Upper Mummy's (west facing) and found relatively little snow at 9,000'. Gullies that usually fill in from wind-loading were not showing much depth. HS was less than 6 inches on the hike up (see pic). Across the valley looking at Elephant and Palace Butte, the bowls were snow covered, but barely (pic). Lower elevation, east facing slopes were mostly dirt.

The avalanche danger is non-existent on most slopes. The exception would be high elevation gullies that happened to get wind drifts, but these are not widespread.

Wind was calm and skies were sunny, with an air temp in the teens F.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Hyalite - main fork

Observer Name

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