Cracking and Collapsing Near Daisy Pass

Date
Fri, 01/12/2024 - 15:20
Activity
Skiing

From email on Jan. 12th :

"The avalanche is on Miller Ridge, on an easterly aspect, around 9k'. Crown appears to be about 2' deep.

I toured around on SWerly aspects, near Daisy Pass, up to 10k'.

Widespread collapsing and cracking. The collapsing was not especially audible, but the cracks often shot out 50-100' spectacularly- while setting an uptrack, and on descents.

The collapsing and cracking was much more pronounced above 9600', and was happening on the new/ old snow interface. This was somewhat surprising in this location, because the old snow surface was Very heavily tracked by snowmobiles prior to this storm cycle.

New snow: was finding about 40cms settled on top of the Jan. 5th interface. Slightly upside down with the wind from last night. 4F- over F.

Weather: cold temps. It cleared for about 45 minutes late morning, and then clouded over again. Moderate winds from the west, but strong and blustery at times, creating temporary white outs."

GNFAC note: the avalanche on Miller was previously reported here.

Region
Cooke City
Location (from list)
Daisy Pass
Observer Name
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