Widespread Collapsing and Shooting Cracks at Bacon Rind

Bacon Rind
Southern Madison
2/5/2024
Code
Latitude
44.96090
Longitude
-111.10000
Notes

The stability at Bacon Rind was very poor, avalanches were likely, and we avoided (and strongly recommend avoiding) avalanche terrain. We triggered booming collapses and watched cracks shoot out across terrain features and snow shake off nearby trees for the entirety of our tour from the meadow near the car to the top of the Skillet. We avoided steeper meadows and gave the "Skillet" (the primary avalanche path where we were) a wide berth because we felt triggering a slide was so likely.

There was 8" of new snow. The upper half of the snowpack was a slab, and the lower half was airy depth hoar stressed to the point of failure. Snowpit results were ECTP11 and 12 failing 35cm down from the surface.

Number of slides
0
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Slab Thickness
35.0 centimeters
Weak Layer Grain type
Depth Hoar
Weak Layer grain size
7.00mm
Weak Layer Hardness
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Images
Skillet Profile - 5 February 2024
Gaping Crack Top of Skillet
Shooting Cracks at Bacon Rind
Attached Videos
Avalanche Warning, Bacon Rind - 5 Feb 2024
Snow Observation Source
Very Poor Stability at Bacon Rind
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Red Flag
Advisory Year
23-24