

Stable conditions in Hyalite

Date

Sat, 01/21/2023 - 13:20

Activity

Snowboarding

My ski partner and I dug a pit at the base of Divide peak on a SE facing slope at 9,600 ft. We had no failure in our compression test and an ECTX on our column test. The snowpack looked to be completely faceted yet consolidated from the ground to a crust layer just below the new soft snow. There was little evidence of wind loading in the basin and a layer of surface hoar was present on the snow surface. We passed another party who were digging multiple pits on a similar aspect and had the same results we found. We ran into a third party on the summit who dug a pit a few hundred feet from the summit that showed a slightly stiffer slab on the surface but again found stable results. This is still a tricky snowpack and this only shows that conditions were stable on this day at very specific locations. If you venture into Hyalite still do your homework before dropping in!

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Divide Cirque

Observer Name

Gage