

Windy and no avalanches

Date

Tue, 03/14/2023 - 12:40

Activity

Snowmobiling

Rode out Buck Ridge through 2nd & 3rd Yellowmules, McAtee Basin, and then out to Cedar Mtn. Saw no avalanches or signs of instability (no cracking, no collapsing). There were a few inches of new snow (2-4") that had been blown around by very strong winds. Fresh wind drifts had formed overnight on the trail and in spots our tracks were blown in by the time we were headed back out. The chief avalanche concern today was avalanches breaking in wind drifts. The possibility of triggering a [slab](#) breaking deep in the snowpack was a secondary concern.

With snow and wind on the way tonight and through tomorrow, avalanches in the new snow and deep in the snowpack will both be more likely tomorrow. Expect an elevated danger. The details will depend on the amount of snow and wind, so make sure to check the forecast in the morning.

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Buck Ridge

Observer Name

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