Large Depth Hoar on Blackmore

Date Sat, 01/14/2023 - 12:35 Activity Snowboarding

Our goal was to ride the North Face of Mount Blackmore yesterday in hopes of north aspects still holding good snow. We noticed some cornices on the top of the line and changed our objective to another entrance onto the north face farther down the ridge from the main North face line. When we got to the top of the line we could see it was noticeably wind loaded at the top and we found very large depth hoar crystals near the bottom of the snowpack. Heaving wind loading and the large depth hoar crystals gave us pause and we hiked back up and skied down the East face. We also saw what looks like a cornice about to break off along the ridge of the North face.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) Mt Blackmore Observer Name Connor Culver