

Bottomless

Date

Thu, 01/19/2023 - 12:00

Activity

Snowbiking

We were in the Beaverhead Mountains, mainly below Italian and Scott Peaks. We found various weak layers towards the top of the snowpack in places and in other places, completely bottomless pow approx 3+' deep. The weak layer areas the top 2" was breaking and sliding right around that 30 degree mark. We used Fatmap app to plan our route to the summit and worked our way around most 25-30 degree angles. Once we pushed that 30 degree angle that top 2" would release. In this area we observed the top 2" was hard like 1F or P hard, 4-5" of 1F or 4F, then another layer of 2" of P, and facets for about 20/30" to the ground. In the wind blown areas the top was almost solid, very hard and icy.

Not good riding, but we did it.

Region

Out of Advisory Area

Observer Name

Italian/Scott Peak