

Weak snow on Mt Ellis

Date

Tue, 01/24/2023 - 12:05

Activity

Skiing

We found bottomless facets on the ski up through the low elevation trees. Once we got close to the ridge we dug a 130 cm pit that was completely unsupported. It was just layers of facets on facets, ECTX. We then skinned to the top and dug another pit HS100cm, CTX, ECTN25 about 1.5 feet down. There was a supportable [slab](#) here and [stability](#) was still good. Once this area gets wind and snow I think the danger will bump up quickly. There is so much weak snow around I have a hard time believing it can support much additional weight.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Mt Ellis

Observer Name

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