

Wind Drifts on Top of Weak Snow

Date

Tue, 12/13/2022 - 14:35

Activity

Snowmobiling

Since Buttermilk is closed for the season we decided to park in town and ride for 20 min. Dave had a large [collapse](#) that he heard and felt in a meadow at 8,200 feet. On a NE facing slope off Lionhead Ridge we found 135 cm of snow which was basically 2 layers: 1.5' of facets capped by a 2.5' [wind slab](#). It broke with a ECTP26. Structure was not great, and coupled with the whumpf we would not feel comfortable getting into avalanche terrain.

Region

Lionhead Range

Location (from list)

Lionhead Ridge

Observer Name

Doug Chabot