

Dense powder and some facets

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Activity

Skiing

Dug and skied in a protected, treed little bowl I visit at 9500 ft. with a general ENE [aspect](#). The approach is on a solar [aspect](#) with minor avalanche terrain between 8-9K. The quick n dirty pit was about 130 cm, ENE, 9300ft., just off ridge top. Bottom half was faceted, 2mm generally, but surprisingly tightly packed together. Hardness of 1F in much of the faceted section, with a couple of layers of 4F. Upper half of the pack was generally rounds until near the surface where it was a bit more faceted. We got a CT6 Q2 on a [wind slab](#) interfaced with other wind slabs about 30 cm's down. The deeper pack did not fail in CT. The unstable result near the surface did not scare me particularly due to the nature of the terrain, isolated nature of the [wind slab](#) confined to the very top of the ridge, ability to safely cut entrances to runs, relatively thick timber, etc. We skied dense powder with no signs of instability beyond the [snowpit](#); all about terrain choice yesterday (every day?).

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