Increasing Stability

Date Thu, 02/16/2023 - 13:05 Activity Skiing

We toured up to the Skillet today. We noticed that winds from the NE had drifted the 4-6" of storm snow throughout Bacon Rind. The wind drifting is a bigger concern in the less sheltered areas of Bacon Rind. We dug two pits on a SE <u>aspect</u> at 7500', and 8,600'. There is a melt freeze crust sitting atop a layer of facets 4-6" below the surface, and this propagated easily in our pits (ECTP 3, ECTP 11). This is not a concern now, but it could be when new snow falls on this weak snow. Next, we dug a pit in the meadow to the south of the Skillet at 8,800'. We found <u>surface hoar</u> 14" below the surface, and it did not propagate in our test. In our pit at the top of the Skillet, we did not see propagation either. The terrain we were in today is trending towards stability.

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