## Still weak in Island Park

Date
Sat, 12/23/2023-12:25
Activity
Skiing
Snowmobiling
We snowmobiled up to $9,000^{\prime}$ on Sawtelle peak, then skied to dig a couple pits. Our first pit was on an East aspect on a heavily wind loaded slope. The HS was 130 cm (or 4.2 feet). There was 8 " of new snow equal to $0.85^{\prime \prime}$ SWE, sitting over old consolidated snow that made up a slab over soft, weak facets about 50 cm off the ground. We had ECTP24 x2 break on the old weak snow. Our second put was on a SW aspect and had an HS of 90 cm (almost 3 feet). We got an ECTP19 here breaking on the same layer of very soft, weak facets. Wind was moderate out of the west-northwest with temps in the teens F . The new snow combined with the poor snow structure will increase avalanche danger this weekend. Video attached.

## Region

Island Park
Location (from list)
Sawtelle Peak
Observer Name
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