

Explaining Wet, Isothermal Snow

Date

Tue, 03/29/2022 - 12:30

Activity

Snowmobiling

I dug a pit at 9,300' on a SW facing slope close to the Sawtelle Road. The snow was wet and has lost a lot of strength. I was breaking through a 2" frozen crust at the surface into wet, mushy snow. Once the crust breaks down I expect wet avalanches to continue. The snowpack is 6' deep, very thin for this time of year. Water was able to penetrate this depth quickly. Be careful traveling later in the day when the crust begins to melt and you sink far. This is a sign of instability.

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Region

Island Park

Location (from list)

Sawtelle Peak

Observer Name

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