

Warm up, signs of instability Pioneer Scenic Byway

Date

Sun, 02/23/2025 - 13:15

Activity

Snowmobiling

Rode around the pioneer scenic byway with the motorized avalanche fundamentals course.

At 8500 SW aspect there was 120cm snow (see picture for structure) ECTP17, ECTP23 failing on large basal facets/ depth hoar 25cm up from the ground. New snow from February is 1/2 the HS.

As the afternoon warmed up we saw roller ball, small loose wet avalanches and shooting cracking from snowmobile tracks. At the end of the day we observed a very small avalanche on a road cut, also shooting from a track.

We did not ride much off trail, where we riding the snowpack was shallow and you could easily punch into the weak snow.

Region

Dillon Area

Location (from list)

East Pioneer Mountains

Observer Name

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