Widespread Collapsing and Shooting Cracks at Bacon Rind

Bacon Rind Southern Madison 2/5/2024 Code Latitude 44.96090 Longitude -111.10000 Notes

The <u>stability</u> at Bacon Rind was very poor, avalanches were likely, and we avoided (and strongly recommend avoiding) avalanche terrain. We triggered booming collapses and watched cracks shoot out across terrain features and snow shake off nearby trees for the entirety of our tour from the meadow near the car to the top of the Skillet. We avoided steeper meadows and gave the "Skillet" (the primary <u>avalanche path</u> where we were) a wide berth because we felt triggering a slide was so likely.

There was 8" of new snow. The upper half of the snowpack was a <u>slab</u>, and the lower half was airy <u>depth hoar</u> stressed to the point of failure. Snowpit results were ECTP11 and 12 failing 35cm down from the surface.

Number of slides 0 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Slab Thickness 35.0 centimeters Weak Layer Grain type Depth Hoar Weak Layer grain size 7.00mm Weak Layer Hardness F Images Skillet Profile - 5 February 2024 Gaping Crack Top of Skillet Shooting Cracks at Bacon Rind Attached Videos Avalanche Warning, Bacon Rind - 5 Feb 2024 **Snow Observation Source** Very Poor Stability at Bacon Rind Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Red Flag Advisory Year 23-24