5 inches new snow

Big surface hoar crystals

> Weak faceted crystals to the ground

5 inches of new snow with no wind loading was just enough to cause subtle whoomping and cracking in the snowpack near the Bacon Rind drainage. Cracks were shooting 10-15 ft. These are sure signs of unstable snow. More snow may come Friday and make the snowpack more unstable. The snowpack throughout the Madison Range is equally weak. Some areas have buried surface hoar, some do not. All have big, weak, facets. Photo: GNFAC

Advisory Region Southern Madison Longitude -111.10W Latitude 44.97N

Forecast link: <u>GNFAC Avalanche Advisory for Fri Dec 30, 2011</u> Southern Madison, 2011-12-29