Stubborn Wind Slabs in Hyalite

Date Sat, 02/22/2025 - 14:10 Activity Skiing

We skied in Maid of the Mist basin today. Solars had a sun crust preventing much snow from drifting, although the constant moderate winds out of the west were trying their best. We found multiple windslab pockets in the Fat and Skinny Maid, though these seemed fairly stubborn and were not propagating. Found some well developed (4-5 mm) basal facets in the talus of the Skinny Maid as well, and although we saw no signs of instability on this layer they are something to watch out for in steep thin terrain.

No recent avalanche activity visible except some loose wets and small cornice fall from the prior warm sunny days.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) Maid of the Mist Observer Name Wyatt Hubbard