

Emigrant PWL

Date

Sun, 03/20/2022 - 06:35

Activity

Skiing

Hey guys,

Tricky conditions out there currently. After a mild winter with relatively low hazard, this last week has upped the ante. Super sad to hear about all these near misses and fatalities recently but they definitely highlight the fickleness of our current spx. We definitely have a PWL resting above and below a MF crust w/in the top meter of the spx. At 10k yesterday on a SE facing 40degree slope we observed all of the structural lemons and got unstable results in our tests. CT12 Q2, ECTP11 on 1mm facets above a MF crust. The crust is 10cm thick and P/K hard w 4F slab on top. On a NE face (9,500', 35 degree) later in the afternoon we were able to get propagation below the crust down closer to 1 meter (CT12 again and ECTP26). A skier in a NE feature pulled out a small pocket (D1) that stepped down below the crust highlighting the current sensitivity. Needless to say we did not summit nor did we feel comfortable in larger features where you could potentially get widespread prop. What a strange spring!

cheers and be safe

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Region

Out of Advisory Area

Location (from list)

Emigrant Peak

Observer Name

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