

Triggering avalanches in Hyalite

Date

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Activity

Ice Climbing

At the base of G2 I triggered a 3 inch x 100 foot soft slab. I was surprised how far it propagated. It looked like it failed on a density change under the morning's new snow. 40 feet up on the first large bench we triggered another slide, 6 inches deep, the entire width of the bench. It could have pushed a climber off if they were in the middle of it. It was snowing steady (1"/hr) and wind was minimal, but a few hours later we could see plumes higher up in the gullies.

It had such zip to the propagation that I'm thinking it might take a day for it to not be reactive. There was no way we wanted to get on anything open and steep.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Hyalite - main fork

Observer Name

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