

No slides on Buck, wet slides in Gallatin Canyon

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Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode around the far end of Buck Ridge today (Bear Creek, McAtee, 2nd Yellow Mule) and found very warm temperatures and increasingly spring-like snow. Almost everywhere at upper elevations there was a thin melt-freeze glaze on the snow (except in deeper shade and lee areas where the weekends wind pushed snow). Below the surface 4-6" the snow was still fairly dry too. We could see a few point releases from yesterday's warmth in steeper and rockier areas but otherwise no avalanche activity up high. The riding ended up being surprisingly good still and the bottom 3 miles of Doe Creek Rd are snow/slush/ice covered for now. That will not last much longer.

On the drive home in Gallatin Canyon, however, we did see some wet slides in the chutes/gullies south of Lava Lake (photo attached).

Region

Northern Madison

Location (from list)

Buck Ridge

Observer Name

USFS Snow Rangers