

Gullies can be Dangerous, Silken Falls

Date

Fri, 12/09/2022 - 13:30

Activity

Ice Climbing

I dug a pit above Silken Falls in the gully. I found a [weak layer](#) of facets breaking about 10" under a [wind slab](#) (ECTP15). We did not get any cracking, but the terrain is very serious and even a small [slide](#) could be deadly. We did not feel comfortable center punching up the gully. Given how much traffic the gullies are getting, I do not think it is widespread, but it's out there and could avalanche.

Wind and snow this weekend may make this layer more unstable, so it's important to be careful crossing exposed terrain. Either rope up or tun around if it is suspect.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Hyalite - main fork

Observer Name

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