Collapsing in Republic Creek

Republic Creek Cooke City 12/3/2022 Code AS Elevation 8900 Aspect SW Latitude 44.98550 Longitude -109.94100 Notes

We dug a pit on a W/WNW slope at around 9100 ft in the republic creek drainage. CT 18 and ECTN34 (ECTX then we hit it extra hard 4 more times) on the <u>weak layer</u> about 70 cm down. But overall snowpack was upright and it seemed to be settling down more than we thought. But then as we approached the ridge we triggered 5 separate large collapses ("Whumphs"), all on WSW/SW slopes (between 8700 and 9200 ft). Pole probes revealed a light crust about 12 inches down.

Number of slides 0 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Trigger Skier Problem Type Persistent Weak Layer Snow Observation Source Collapsing in Republic Creek Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Red Flag Advisory Year 22-23