

Example of wet snow

Date

Thu, 02/27/2025 - 12:40

Activity

Snowmobiling

Riding in this morning, we saw this older wet [slide](#) on the Portal Creek road down low at about 6400' in elevation on a south facing slope by lots of exposed rocks. For reference, Gallatin River is 5800' in this area.

We didn't see any fresh ones on our way out at about 2:30.

The most likely places for big wet slides are slopes or areas with exposed rocks and cliffs. Generally these wet slides happen a little predictably in the afternoon as the snow gets wet. We know what time of day they'll happen, but it's hard to know exactly when they'll release, so watch out when the snow is obviously wet if traveling under slopes like this.

You don't need to worry about them in the morning, when the snow is frozen. What a nasty avalanche with sticks, rocks, and dirt in it?

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Portal Creek

Observer Name

Staples and Gidley