



Splitboarders on a dawn patrol got cracking and collapsing as they ascended Mt. Ellis. They stuck to the lower slopes. The snow stability worsened from their trip the day before. Wind-loading occurred down low which made conditions ripe for cracks and whumphs. Photo: W. Ritter

Advisory Region  
Northern Gallatin

**Avalanche Details:** [Collapsing and cracking on Mt. Ellis \(2 parties\)](#)  
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