2019-20 Snowpack Summary



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In the Rocky Mountains early season snow is typically not good for <u>stability</u>. In southwest Montana, this year was on the worse end of the spectrum for bad <u>stability</u> caused by early season snow. Weak snow near the base of the snowpack resulted in large avalanches all season. Avalanche activity peaked with a widespread <u>deep slab</u> <u>avalanche</u> cycle in February. More snow followed and there was steady avalanche activity through April. For the first winter since 2012-13 there were zero avalanche fatalities in southwest Montana.

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