Lower Todorka North
Pirin
05/03/2020 - 13:50
Bulgaria
Co-ord: 41.75359N, 23.43500E
Elevation: 2550 m
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Air Temperature: -0.3°C
Sky Cover: BKN
Precipitation: NO

Stability: Good
Air Temperature: -0.3°C
Sky Cover: BKN
132-150cm: Problematic layer
Precipitation: NO

Wind: Calm

Wind Loading: no

Aspect: NE

Specifics: Recent avalanche activity on similar slopes; Ski tracks on slope; We skied slope Crystal Size Moisture kg/m³ Stability tests & Layer comments Form 0.5-1 +(/) M-W -CT4, BRK @5cm 10 ECTN8 @5cm on graupel -CT14, RP@16cm on graupel 20 **ø**(**X**) 0.5(2) D ECTN13 @16cm on graupel 30 40 50 60 0.5 D 70 80 90 100 0.5-1 110 Ϫ(●) 2.5(0.5) D 120 **∞** D 130 -DT23, SC @132cm on depth hoar DT25, SC @134cm on depth hoar 140 Λ 4-6 D 150

Notes: Our aim was to see how the snowpack is developing after 2 significant weather events: rapid warming and the new snowfall of about 20 cm from the previous 24 h. We dug a profile at the same place just a week ago.

Surprisingly the snowpack looks much better than 7 days ago when we dug a profile at that exact location. The concerning layers from the upper and middle part of the snowpack have transformed and rounded.

The only concern is the basal layers which comprise of huge depth hoar crystals with no bonding sitting under a 13 cm crust that is transforming and not so strong anymore.

Although deeper than 1m, at shallower spots this combination might be triggered.