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Friday 4/7

Friday saw clear skies and warm temperatures into the upper 30's and low 40's. High clouds moved into the valley during the afternoon but that was not enough to prevent most aspects from becoming wet. Only NE through NW remained cold. Thirty wet loose avalanches were reported on Friday, all D1 in size, and the majority of avalanches running on east and southeast aspects.



Saturday 4/8

Temperatures overnight into Saturday remained warm, holding in the low 20's F. Mostly cloudy skies and light winds during the day prevented the snow surface from warming enough to produce wet loose avalanches.

Sunday 4/9

Sunday brought even warmer temperatures to the valley with Gothic and Irwin Guides study plot reaching the low 40's F. Sixteen avalanches were reported and all of them were due to warming. Four wet loose, seven wet slabs, four glide avalanches, and one cornice fall was the breakdown. All of these avalanches occurred on W through S through E aspects and at all elevations with the majority running near and below tree line.



Monday 4/10

The meltdown continued on Monday as the daytime highs peaked above 50 F at 10,000' and above 40 F at 12,000'. The natural avalanche activity kept coming as well with six wet loose and six wet slabs reported.



Tuesday 4/11

You guessed it! Temps once again reached near record levels with a high of 55 F at Gothic and 50 F at CBMR. The weak overnight refreezes combined with the daytime highs to once again produce numerous wet avalanches. Twenty-seven more avalanches were observed, all running on W through S through E aspects and the majority were D2 or larger.



Wednesday 4/12

Wednesday was another warm day although partly cloudy skies kept the thermostat a few degrees cooler than Tuesday. A single avalanche was reported, a wet avalanche on a NE aspect of the Bear Claw area of Whetstone. Observers continued to note roller balls and deeper wetting of the snowpack, up to 40 cm deep on a NW slope at 10,800'.



Thursday 4/13

Another weak overnight freeze led into Thursday. Temperatures remained several degrees cooler than Wednesday due in part to cloudy skies and moderate SW winds. Gothic reached a daytime high of 48 F, CBMR maxed out at 40 F, and Scarp Ridge peaked at 33 F. No avalanches were reported on Thursday. Snowfall should begin Thursday evening with the potential for up to 12" in the NW Mountains by the end of Friday. The weekend should be dry with cooler temps following the snowfall.