



I went skate skiing up Sourdough Canyon today. The trail intersects many south and southwest-facing avalanche terrains that generally do not have much snow coverage due to their exposure to the sun.

However, the snowpack is much deeper than normal in the Gallatin Valley and in the low-elevation mountains around the Valley, and these slopes make me nervous, especially because they would impact a trail that sees heavy use by people who do not intend to expose themselves to avalanches and who are not prepared for

avalanche rescue.

**Currently, 2.5 to 4 feet of snow is in the terrain near the trail.**

Photo: GNFAC

Advisory Region  
Northern Gallatin  
Longitude  
-111.01W  
Latitude  
45.57N

**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Sun Feb 9, 2025](#)  
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