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Mt. Saint Elias

A Lesson in Humility and Fragility in the High Mountains

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In late May of 2022, we attempted to climb and ski the South Ridge of Mount St. Elias starting from the beach in Icy Bay. Our team experienced considerable challenges on descent due to extreme melting, and rapidly changing snow conditions. We would like to share some lessons from the trip, as well as some of the incredible beauty we encountered on route.



Dane, Chris, and Charlie are all self proclaimed Chugach enthusiasts and weekend warriors. When we are not working our day jobs (Dane - Geology, Chris - Engineering, Charlie - Family Medicine), we can be found galavanting through the Chugach, preferably on skis. We all agree that there is no greater joy in the world than calm windless powder in the range.