Skier triggered wet slab N. Bridgers

Northern Bridgers Bridger Range 3/23/2019 Code WS-ASu-R2-D1.5-O Elevation 7500 Aspect SE

From e-mail: "while skiing a short, SE-facing slope, we triggered a wet <u>slab</u> avalanche. We both skied to the side, but it was a real wakeup call to the current snowpack. Going from below freezing all winter to sudden warming has left a lot of layers. We didn't measure the slope angle, but it couldn't have been more than 32 degrees in the <u>starting zone</u>. The <u>slide</u> was slightly to skier's right of the slope, and the middle of the slope was only 6" deep, but much deeper where the <u>slide</u> occurred. Maybe 30-40' wide at the crown, ran 80'.

Number of slides

1

Notes

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Wet slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

1.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Wet Snow

Slab Thickness

16.0 inches

Vertical Fall

80ft

Slab Width

35.00ft

Images

Skier triggered wet slab debris

Skier triggered wet slab

Slab Thickness units

inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 18-19