

Skier triggered small wind slabs in Beehive

Beehive Basin
Northern Madison
11/2/2019
Code
SS-ASc-R1-D1.5-S
Elevation
9500
Aspect Range
NE-E-SE
Latitude
45.34070
Longitude
-111.39100
Notes

From e-mail: "Skied in the the beehive area today. Triggered some small wind slabs that were sliding on a crust.

E [aspect](#) 9,100': Triggered from a stomping a small [cornice](#) , which landed on a steep slope below and popped a small [wind slab](#) .

NE [aspect](#) 10,000': Triggered while skiing through a choke point. This one was thin but ran down slope quite a ways because the terrain was steeper. It was easy to avoid by skiing off to the right, since the gully was just cross loaded a bit on the left.

SE [aspect](#) 9,800': The third was just some propagating cracks. The slope angle wasn't quite steep enough to [slide](#) here.

These instabilities appeared to be confined to areas of dense wind drifted snow on top of a crust layer and did not appear to be wide spread."

Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger
R size
1
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
S - Avalanche released within new snow

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Images

[Cracking drifted snow in Beehive](#)

[Skier triggered wind slab near Beehive Basin](#)

[Skier triggered small wind slab Beehive](#)

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

[19-20](#)