

Natural cornice fall nearly missed skiers, near Abiathar

Abiathar Peak

Out of Advisory Area

3/13/2021

Code

C-N-R2-D2

Elevation

9500

Aspect

N

Latitude

44.97560

Longitude

-110.03100

Notes

From email: "My partners and I were booting up a [couloir](#) near abiathar and a large [cornice](#) fell and landed shortly below us in our bootpack. Spooked the hell out of us. We acknowledged the danger of those cornices before booting up, decided that it was probably safe due to relatively low winds and cool temps, and decided to go for it. In hindsight, we wonder if it was much warmer on the ridge near the [cornice](#) (we were in the shade), maybe we underestimated the ridgetop winds, or maybe we just got unlucky.

The [cornice](#) broke up a bit on some rocks before landing in our [couloir](#) , but there still vehicle sized chunks raining down. If we had been 5 minutes slower on the ascent we may have been killed."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Cornice fall

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

2

D size

2

Problem Type

Cornice Fall

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[20-21](#)