

Yellow Mountain

Accident Report

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Activity

Skiing

Date

3/2/2007

1 caught , buried, killed

Synopsis

One skier was caught and killed in an avalanche that occurred on Yellow Mountain near Big Sky, Montana. The avalanche released on a wind-loaded slope with a southerly aspect. The crown was 2 feet at its deepest point, had a slope angle of 39 degrees, fractured 75 feet across, and ran 2070 vertical feet. The victim, who triggered the avalanche on his second turn, was caught and carried over a cliff and down through a rocky chute. Cause of death was blunt force trauma. US classification of the avalanche is SS-ASu-R2-D2-O.