Human-Triggered Avalanche In Bridger Gully

Bridger Bowl
Bridger Range
11/24/2022
Code
SS-ASu-R2-D1.5-I
Elevation
7650
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.81560
Longitude
-110.92300
Notes

From IG Message: "I read the avalanche report this morning and felt comfortable skiing. we made a plan to ski Bradley's Meadows but ended up skiing Bridger Gully to the 3 Bears after discussion and feeling comfortable and confident in the snowpack. we did not experience any whoompfing or have any other concerns on the approach.

The bottom of Bridger Gully to 3 Bears is where I triggered the avalanche. My partner dropped in first and skied safely out of the potential slide area. I followed up and on my first turn, triggered the slide. To me it looked like it was around 8" deep and was around 15' wide at the crown.

My partner had eyes on me the entire time as the slide carried me about 40-45 yards. I was on top the entire time and was able to ski out at the end. I suffered no injuries.

We skied out and talked to other skiers about our experience."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
0
Number killed
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
1.5

Bed Surface
I - Interface between new and old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
8.0 inches
Slab Width
15.00ft
Images
Skier Caught and Carried - Bridger Gully
Snow Observation Source
Avalanche In Bridger Gully
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23