

## Natural avalanche hit Daisy Pass road

Daisy Pass  
Cooke City  
2/25/2023  
Code  
SS-N-R3-D2-O  
Elevation  
9400  
Aspect  
SW  
Latitude  
45.03980  
Longitude  
-109.94000  
Notes

A snowmobiler saw this natural avalanche hit the Daisy Pass road within 10 minutes of riding by. He did a beacon search on the debris to confirm no one had been caught. It occurred about noon. This path is not very visible from the bottom and is not one that runs regularly. [It killed a rider who was on the road in February 2012.](#) The accident report has good photos of the path from afar.

Wind-[loading](#) in the start zone was the likely [trigger](#) since skiers and sledders do not access it.

From an email: "The crown was hard to see, but only looked a few feet deep where I could see it, but the debris pile was 10'+ on the road."

A big thanks to Dan Wykoff for providing the story and pictures.

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Natural trigger  
R size  
3  
D size  
2  
Bed Surface  
O - Old snow  
Problem Type  
Persistent Weak Layer  
Vertical Fall  
700ft

Slab Width

200.00ft

Images

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Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[22-23](#)