

Natural wide wind slab on Saddle Peak

Saddle Peak
Bridger Range
12/17/2019
Code
HS-N-R2-D2-U
Elevation
9000
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.79430
Longitude
-110.93600
Notes

Avalanche crown(s) seen Wednesday (12/18), probably ran Monday or early Tuesday. Broke 200-300' across between the peaks and south central. Debris ran 1,500' vertical. Photo: GNFAC

Additional info from a skier on 12/19/19:

"Hard to tell how deep it was. Looked like 15" max maybe. Tapered off quick. Looked like probably that south wind load.

One crown was north between the peaks about 60 ft from the ridge top. Then it seemed to take the legs out of the stuff in South Central since the crown was 150 ft below ridge top. Then a little dribble made its way into Argentina bowl on the south [aspect](#). Debris terminated right at the bottom of each chute.

Since the crown was so low I never got eyes on it. Plus it has blown in a little. I stayed high near the ridge line to the pinnacles. But it looked and felt like a bomber crust is what it ran on. Hard [slab](#) with pretty small chunks in the debris.

The one picture didn't come out well but it looked like goat tracks went right into that higher north crown. Maybe a dead goat... they are usually pretty smart though."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Hard slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
2
D size
2

Bed Surface

U - Unknown

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Slab Thickness

12.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1500ft

Slab Width

250.00ft

Images

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

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