

Splitboarder triggered avalanche at lionhead

Lionhead Ridge

Lionhead Range

12/3/2023

Code

SS-ARu-R2-D2-O

Elevation

9000

Aspect

NE

Latitude

44.71450

Longitude

-111.31800

Notes

Was splitboarding up near lions head ridge today. Made some bad decisions and kicked off a good [slide](#) in a NE facing chute. Was with 2 buddies, 1 of which skied the line 3 weeks ago. Underneath about a foot of new powder snow there was a firm crust that seemed like it was old hard windslab in the gut of the chute, and I think a [sun crust](#) on the riders left side(East [aspect](#)). We had 2 spots where we were planning to re group at, first was a small cubby area right before a slight rollover about 75 ft from the top. I dropped first, made some turns down toward the pulloff, as I pulled in, I triggered a good size [slab](#) that propagated maybe 40-50 ft across, at the rollover as I carved into the pulloff. Pulled all snow out of the chute down to the ground. Seemed to have failed on sugary facets on ground/ice crust close to the ground...

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Snowboarder

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

2

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

10.0 inches

Slab Width

45.00ft

Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[23-24](#)