Skier triggered on Saddle Peak

Saddle Peak Bridger Range 1/21/2024 Code ASu-R2-D2.5-O

Elevation

8800

Aspect

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Latitude

45.79430

Longitude

-110.93600

Notes

From GCSAR and Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol:

A skier triggered a slide descending the skyline/nose of Saddle Peak. No one was caught. It initially triggered at the first rock band, then pulled out much wider at the second rock band. The skier was on his second lap was the third set of tracks on the peak. All tracks were accounted for and a beacon search of the debris came up empty.

Depth was described as "full depth" (2 feet) and running on the depth hoar.

Crown was 80' wide on the first horizontal band and 250' on the second. The lower crown wrappped around the ridge out of view.

Number of slides

Number caught

Number buried

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

24.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1400ft

Slab Width

250.00ft

Images

Skier triggered slide on Saddle Peak

Skier triggered slide on Saddle, lower slab and debris

Skier triggered slide on Saddle - far

Lower Crown, Saddle Peak

Mid-Elevation Crown, Saddle Peak

Trigger Point and Upper Crown, Saddle Peak

Snow Observation Source

Skier triggered on Saddle Peak

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

23-24