Avalanches and cracking in Frazier Basin

Frazier Basin Bridger Range 10/23/2020 Code SS-N Latitude 45.92330 Longitude -110.98000 Notes

From an observation:

...we were out in Frazier Basin today and noticed some activity. While skinning up a south face we found a couple isolated wind pockets that propagated the top 2-3"... nothing slid. We did also found some couloirs that had storm slabs that had ran in the last few days, both south and north aspects.

From another observer:

Increasing wind speeds overnight and during the morning were easily transporting snow and building thin, stiff slabs. <u>Slab</u> formation was most intense along ridgelines but there were some thin, mid-slope slabs present on cross-loaded terrain features. Lots of loose issues, particularly as the sun was warming things up.

Number of slides

2

Number caught

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Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Images

Wind slab avalanche

Wind ripples near Fairy Lake

Cracking in Frazier Basin

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

20-21