

Small skier triggered wind slab in Middle Basin

Middle Basin
Northern Madison
3/26/2021
Code
SS-ASu-R1-D1
Latitude
45.34260
Longitude
-111.38400
Notes

From obs: "On Friday, my partner and I went into Middle Basin with the objective of skiing Middle Peak, and possibly the short [couloir](#) that splits the face. That morning we dug a pit on the east facing [aspect](#) of the beehive/middle basin ridge (ECTx). Encouraged by our results, we continued on to the base of middle peak and dug another pit (ECTp 30) on the south-facing ice crust. We continued on to summit middle peak and ski down the face to the entrance of the [couloir](#), we descended 20ft into the entrance on soft loose snow and dug our third pit (ECTx), we replicated our results and decided the feature would be safe to ski. At ~1pm the first skier descended the slope, and triggered a small windslab (4-8in and 20ft wide) about 100ft down the slope and skied away uncaught. Skier 2, descended a lower angle slope to the east."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
1
D size
1
Slab Thickness
8.0 inches
Slab Width
20.00ft
Images
[Wind slab in Middle Basin](#)
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year

