## **Collapsing and Avalanches on Test Slopes, Cooke City**

COOKE CITY Cooke City 1/23/2024 Code Latitude 44.99630 Longitude -109.90200 Notes

A group in Cooke City observed several signs of instability including widespread collapsing, small avalanches on test slopes, and recent avalanche activity.

From obs: "Observed extremely unstable avalanche conditions while ski touring in the Woody Creek Drainage south of Cooke City for the past 4 days. While traveling through the valley floor, I noted whumphing, collapsing, and cracking in the snowpack. I was able to trigger small slides on steeper test slopes just above creek beds from 50-60 feet away. I noted several larger avalanches up high, on all aspects. We played it safe and stuck to skiing and traveling through slopes under 25 degrees and limited our exposure time under large avalanche paths."

Number of slides 0 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Snow Observation Source <u>Remote Triggered Avalanche Near Woody Creek, Cooke City</u> Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Red Flag Advisory Year 23-24