

Natural Avalanches in Swan Creek

Swan Creek

Northern Gallatin

3/3/2024

Code

HS-N-R2-D2-O

Aspect

N

Latitude

45.37610

Longitude

-111.09400

Notes

Observed sometime between 03/06/2024-03/13/2024:

"Just finished a weeklong ski from west Yellowstone to bear canyon, and thought I'd chime in that I didn't observe anything that hasn't been reported on already. I saw lots of deep slabs breaking near the ground, primarily on the north half of the compass. But sometimes not!.... It was interesting to see that despite the lack of snow, some avalanches were running almost full [track](#). It seems like after a week of being on the snow I would see some sort of pattern, but I feel like I ended the trip with the same amount of confidence I entered it with, and didn't feel comfortable exposing myself to hardly anything.

I attached a couple photos of a [slide](#) I saw toward the head end of Swan Creek. The crown was 2-5' deep and ~2000' wide, and it stopped within 50' of old growth timber. "

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

2

D size

2

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Images

[Avalanches at the head of Swan Creek, 2](#)

[Avalanches at the head of Swan Creek, 1](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Deep slabbies](#)

Slab Thickness units
centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[23-24](#)