

## Small PWL Avalanche in First Yellow Mule

Buck Ridge  
Northern Madison  
2/27/2025  
Code  
SS-AMu-R1-D1-O  
Elevation  
9000  
Aspect  
N  
Latitude  
45.17190  
Longitude  
-111.38000  
Notes

In nearly 45 miles of riding, we noted two avalanches. Both breaking on persistent weak layers a few feet down in the snowpack. The first was a small north-facing pocket in the First Yellow Mule (R1-D1) that was snowmobile triggered. It looked to be around a week old. The second was a larger avalanche (R3-D2), east-facing, deep in Muddy Creek. This was drifted in and likely broke around 2.5 weeks ago during the last significant storm cycle.

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Snowmobile  
Trigger Modifier  
u-An unintentional release  
R size  
1  
D size  
1  
Bed Surface  
O - Old snow  
Problem Type  
Persistent Weak Layer  
Slab Thickness  
18.0 inches  
Vertical Fall  
20ft  
Slab Width  
20.00ft

Images

[R1-D1 PWL Avalanche, N facing](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Low Danger in the N Madisons](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[24-25](#)