## Skier triggered avalanche near Saddle Peak

Argentina Bowl Bridger Range 1/15/2020 Code SS-ASu-R3-D2.5-O Elevation 8600 Aspect E Latitude 45.78690

Notes

Longitude -110.93500

Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl on Saddle Peak. Observed from the highway. Occurred during the day on Wednesday, 1/15/2020.

From e-mail: "Skiers triggered two separate slides on south Saddle this afternoon, we witnessed the smaller <u>slide</u> to the lookers right of the big <u>slide</u>, the bigger one happened later apparently... The first smaller <u>slide</u> was caused by a <u>ski cut</u> near the trees, <u>fracture</u> was about 2 feet, soft <u>slab</u> that seemed to run on a thin <u>sun crust</u>, below the <u>sun crust</u> was also very weak and sugary. Not sure when the second skier went farther out and triggered the whole bowl, but they got lucky!!"

Number of slides

1

Number caught

1

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

3

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

36.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1000ft Slab Width 600.00ft

Images

Avalanches on saddle Peak/Argentina Bowl Close up

Avalanches on Saddle Peak/Argentina Bowl

Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

19-20