## Remotely triggered wind slab in N. Bridgers

Northern Bridgers Bridger Range 2/26/2022 Code HS-ASr-R3-D1.5-O Elevation 8000 Aspect NE Latitude 45.93910

Longitude -110.97800 Notes

From obs 2/26/22: "We were stopped on a flat bench on top of a steep rollover... when we heard a whumpf, and then a hard wind slab released on the slope below us and ran into the trees below. We then decided to enter the avalanche at the bottom of the debris to look at the crown, where we observed that the slab was about 60cm deep at its deepest, and ran around 50 feet wide, wrapping across a small aspect change. We did two ECT tests and observed propagation on the layer during isolation in both tests... We identified a P hard wind slab overlaying a 3 cm deep layer of 1F hard facets. The layer below the avalanche interface was F hard facets. After this result, we

Number of slides 1

Number caught

U

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

r-A remote avalanche released by the indicated trigger

dialed back our ski plans for the day." Photo: M. Beck

R size

3

D size

1.5

**Bed Surface** 

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

22.0 inches

Vertical Fall

40ft

Slab Width 50.00ft

Weak Layer Grain type

Faceted Crystals

Weak Layer Hardness

F

Slab Layer Grain Type

Wind packed

Slab Layer Hardness

P

Images

crown of skier triggered slide in N. Bridgers

Skier triggered Avalanche in N. Bridgers observed from above

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

21-22