

Skier triggered wet slab N. Bridgers

Northern Bridgers
Bridger Range
3/23/2019
Code
WS-ASu-R2-D1.5-O
Elevation
7500
Aspect
SE
Notes

From e-mail: "while skiing a short, SE-facing slope, we triggered a wet [slab](#) avalanche. We both skied to the side, but it was a real wakeup call to the current snowpack. Going from below freezing all winter to sudden warming has left a lot of layers. We didn't measure the slope angle, but it couldn't have been more than 32 degrees in the [starting zone](#). The [slide](#) was slightly to skier's right of the slope, and the middle of the slope was only 6" deep, but much deeper where the [slide](#) occurred. Maybe 30-40' wide at the crown, ran 80'.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Wet slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Wet Snow
Slab Thickness
16.0 inches
Vertical Fall
80ft
Slab Width
35.00ft
Images
[Skier triggered wet slab debris](#)
[Skier triggered wet slab](#)
Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

18-19