Small new snow avalanches at Bridger

Bridger Bowl
Bridger Range
11/20/2019
Code
SS-N-R1-D1.5-I
Elevation
8500
Aspect Range
E-NE
Latitude
45.81560
Longitude
-110.92300
Notes

Thursday, November 21:

- 1. "I observed 2 natural avalanches on the slopes between the Apron and Ramp. No ski tracks in those areas. I thought I took a picture but didn't. Looks like they both started in the rock bands below the ridge. One was small and the other was considerably larger. Hard to know if they ran today or yesterday. Looked like it was just new snow. Pretty much east aspect."
- 2. "Toured up to the ridge at Bridger today and traversed into Bridger Gully. At around 8,000' in the trees above the most prominent snowfield, my partner and I observed very small dry sluffs confined to the new snow. Bellow Bridger Gully, my partner was able to release a <u>slide</u> while traversing through rocks above his intended line. This was on an east-southeast <u>aspect</u> at 7,500'. Snow just a few degrees more to the east was dryer. The snowpack nearby thinned greatly on the east-southeast <u>aspect</u>.

Wednesday, November 20:

1. "Noted some activity (D1-D2) isolated to the new snow around rock features and ridgetops that were wind-affected. Our pit revealed a weakening and thin snowpack due to the drier weather, however, the facet growth at the ground has remained fairly slow and has maintained moisture."

Number of slides
3
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
1
D size
1.5

Bed Surface

I - Interface between new and old snow

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Images

Slide below Bridger Gully

New snow avalanches on Saddle Peak

Natural new snow avalanches near Bridger

Fresh wind slabs at Bridger

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

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