Airplane bowl avalanche

Date Sun, 03/12/2023 - 11:25 Activity Skiing

Noticed this large avalanche in unsupported terrain yesterday morning. I called it HS-N-R3-D3-U although it looks to have failed on facets at the ground. Frequent flyer but impressive. Debris was approx. the size of a football field and 8-10' deep, ran full extent of D3 track.

We dug on a nearby slope. 8050', E/SE, 29 deg. HS 200cm, N/O interface down 40cm. 1cm MFcr with small grained facets above and below. Fair structure, no prop. A bit of grapple mixed in new snow and todays solar input was not warm enough to soften current surf. crust

Region Bridger Range Location (from list) Airplane Bowl Observer Name Andrew Newman