Avalanches on Lionhead Ridge

Lionhead Ridge
Lionhead Range
1/8/2019
Code
SS-N-R3-D2-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect Range
E-SE
Notes

Many avalanches broke during the last week's avalanche cycle at Lionhead. Natural and snowmobile triggered slides were reported between 1/7 and 1/9. On 1/6-1/7 the area got a foot of heavy snow followed by strong winds. This loaded an unstable snowpack that is poorly supported by 1.5' of sugary snow on the ground. Avalanches broke 2-3 feet deep on this weak snow, and propagated relatively wide.

Multiple Avalanches
Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
3
D size
2
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
32.0 inches
Vertical Fall
400ft
Slab Width
150.00ft
Images
Avalanche north of Airplane Bowl
Airplane Bowl Natural Avalanche
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
18-19