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