

Natural avalanche hit Daisy Pass road

Daisy Pass

Cooke City

2/25/2023

Code

SS-N-R3-D2-O

Elevation

9400

Aspect

SW

Latitude

45.03980

Longitude

-109.94000

Notes

A snowmobiler saw this natural avalanche hit the Daisy Pass road within 10 minutes of riding by. He did a beacon search on the debris to confirm no one had been caught. It occurred about noon. This path is not very visible from the bottom and is not one that runs regularly. [It killed a rider who was on the road in February 2012.](#) The accident report has good photos of the path from afar.

Wind-[loading](#) in the start zone was the likely [trigger](#) since skiers and sledgers do not access it.

From an email: "The crown was hard to see, but only looked a few feet deep where I could see it, but the debris pile was 10'+ on the road."

A big thanks to Dan Wykoff for providing the story and pictures.

Number of slides

1

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

Vertical Fall

700ft

Slab Width

200.00ft

Images

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Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[22-23](#)