Naturals avalanches in Lionhead

LIONHEAD AREA
Lionhead Range
12/12/2023
Code
R2-D1.5
Latitude
44.72920
Longitude
-111.32300
Notes

Two natural avalanches observed near Lionhead on 12/15 and another two observed by a separate group on 12/14. All occurred well below the high ridgelines and likely broke several days earlier.

From obs:"We rode up Denny Creek towards Watkins Creek and spent the day below the ridge where we saw two natural avalanches. These avalanches broke 12-18" deep on weak faceted snow above a stiff crust. The first avalanche presumably happened sometime near the end of the last storm cycle (12/11), as it had a few inches of snow on the debris. The second was more recent, in the last 24-36 hours. Both were at 8500' and were on NE and E-facing slopes. "

Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
R size
2
D size
1.5
Images
Lower Lionhead Avalanche
Old avalanche debris below Bald Peak
Attached Videos
Lower Elevation Avalanches, Lionhead - 15 Dec 2023
Snow Observation Source
Observations and Naturals in Lionhead
Surface Hoar and Instability in Lionhead
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
23-24