

Natural Wind slabs in Hyalite

Maid of the Mist
Northern Gallatin
12/17/2022
Code
SS-N-R1-D1.5-I
Elevation
9600
Aspect
NE
Latitude
45.41640
Longitude
-110.97000
Notes

Went on a tour today with a buddy and traveled through twin falls basin as well as the maid. We skied a NW slope off of Palace Butte and found touchy conditions below the ridge line, but great skiing in the trees. We also skied the bowl of Arden peak. We observed numerous recent wind slabs that released naturally in the past 24 hours on NE and E aspects with some crowns starting to get covered up throughout the day. Judging from afar, I would estimate these crowns to be 6 inches to 1.5 feet deep.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
1
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
I - Interface between new and old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
8.0 inches
Vertical Fall
300ft
Slab Width
75.00ft
Images
[Wind Slabs on NE aspects Hyalite](#)

Snow Observation Source

Wind slabs and active loading

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

22-23