



A natural avalanche released on the layer of big, faceted grains. The slab was up to 2 feet thick. This snowpack structure is similar throughout southwest Montana. Slab + Weak Layer + Steep Slope + Trigger = Avalanche.

Advisory Region  
Southern Madison  
Longitude  
-111.27W  
Latitude

44.97N

**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Mon Dec 21, 2009](#)  
Southern Madison, 2009-12-20