Skier triggered wind slab at Bridger

Date
Wed, 11/23/2022 - 13:30
Activity
Skiing

At 1:30pm on 11/23 I intentionally triggered a fresh drift of snow in a narrow avalanche path along the edge of the north bowl at Bridger. Northeast aspect at 7,600’ elevation. The crown was 6-8” deep consisting of snow that fell today, 20’ wide and ran 250’ vertical. SS-ASc-R2-D1.5-I.

Wind was moderate, gusting strong out of the north and west and transporting snow. There were 3-4” on lower mountain and 7-8” new up high. Snowpack is 1-2’ deep. Prior to this storm, snow close to the surface had turned to small (1-1.5mm) facets during previous cold weather, capped by a thin crust (wind or sun) on many slopes.

Region
Bridger Range
Location (from list)
Bridger Bowl
Observer Name
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