Avalanche Cycle in Cooke City

Date Tue, 02/21/2023 - 14:55 Activity Skiing

Photos of some recent natural avalanches near Cooke City today attached. All of the slides observed appeared to just involve new snow from the Feb. 20-21 storm. (occuring on all aspects, but primarily on NE aspects)

New snow: generally about 50-80cms of settled new snow from Feb. 20-21.

Quite a bit of collapsing experienced today while breaking trail, particularly in the lower elevations.

Snowpit attached from a SE aspect at 8500'. HS: 170.

ECTP15- 55cms down, at new/old interface.

from 23 February email:

Northerly aspect, around 9900' on this avalanche photo from Woody Ridge attached.

The other, larger natural avalanche up Republic Creek that I mentioned observing today was also on a N, NW aspect, around 9900', but about 4 times as wide.

The Fin also had a relatively large natural avalanche on it too- low on the slope, skier's left.

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