Remote Triggered Avalanche at Buck Ridge

Date
Tue, 02/13/2024 - 14:40
Activity
Snowmobiling

We rode into Buck Ridge today and in First Yellow Mule, we triggered an avalanche 100' away from a flat meadow below. This avalanche broke several hundred feet wide and 3' deep on weak faceted snow low in the snowpack. This was right next to a slope that we had remotely triggered weeks ago on January 22nd, observation here. We knew conditions were dangerous and chose not to travel on or near steep slopes, but triggering an avalanche in the first hour of riding didn't make us feel great. Similar to what Dave said in his video we left here feeling as though the danger was higher than we thought. From here we continued on towards Muddy Creek and along the way saw a few natural avalanches in McAtee Basin and a small recent rider triggered avalanche in Third Yellow Mule.

While signs of instability later in the afternoon were not obvious the glareing red flag from the morning had already set the tone for the day. Getting on or below terrain steeper than 30 degrees was not on the table and will remain off the table until conditions improve.

Region
Northern Madison
Location (from list)
Buck Ridge
Observer Name
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