Natural Avalanches at Lionhead

Lionhead Ridge
Lionhead Range
2/15/2024
Code
N-R2-D2-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect Range
N, S, E, W
Latitude
44.71450
Longitude
-111.31800
Notes

On 2/16/24 GNFAC forecasters rode up Denny Creek below Lionhead Ridge, then around to the north, through Watkins Creek and into the top of Targhee Creek. We saw a lot of old and recent avalanches that happened at various times over the last week, including during an avalanche warning on 2/15, in a wide variety of terrain. On lower elevation, generally non-wind-loaded terrain in the trees we saw at least 4 avalanches that were at least 2' deep and 100' wide. Near ridgelines there were many avalanches, harder slabs, at least 2' deep breaking hundreds of feet wide.

Number of slides
4
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
2
D size
2
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
24.0 inches
Slab Width
150.00ft
Snow Observation Source
Fresh avalanche and many recent avalanches
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
23-24