Skier triggered small wind slabs in Beehive

Beehive Basin
Northern Madison
11/2/2019
Code
SS-ASc-R1-D1.5-S
Elevation
9500
Aspect Range
NE-E-SE
Latitude
45.34070
Longitude
-111.39100
Notes

From e-mail: "Skied in the the beehive area today. Triggered some small wind slabs that were sliding on a crust.

E aspect 9,100': Triggered from a stomping a small cornice, which landed on a steep slope below and popped a small wind slab.

NE aspect 10,000': Triggered while skiing through a choke point. This one was thin but ran down slope quite a ways because the terrain was steeper. It was easy to avoid by skiing off to the right, since the gully was just cross loaded a bit on the left.

SE aspect 9,800': The third was just some propagating cracks. The slope angle wasn't quite steep enough to slide here.

These instabilities appeared to be confined to areas of dense wind drifted snow on top of a crust layer and did not appear to be wide spread."

Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger
R size
1
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
S - Avalanche released within new snow

Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Images
Cracking drifted snow in Beehive
Skier triggered wind slab near Beehive Basin
Skier triggered small wind slab Beehive
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
19-20