Collapsing on NE aspect in Bear Basin

Bear Basin
Northern Madison
3/19/2022
Code
Latitude
45.34530
Longitude
-111.37500
Notes

From obs: "We were one basin north of Bear basin on the NE ramp of Bear Peak (10400'). We were on an NNE aspect of the ramp taking off our skis to dig a pit when we noticed how rotten the snow was, boot pen was immediately up to our waste. My partner noticed a subtle collapse and a couple of seconds later we both felt and audibly heard a larger collapse. There were a few shooting cracks about 5-8 feet up the slope from us and arcing about 10 feet across the slope. We gingerly put our skis back on and traversed down and away from to a low-angle bench.

Digging hasty hand pits and probing with our poles we continued to notice hard crusts and slabs with weak snow beneath them on E and NE aspects protected from the sun but less so on anything slightly south-facing or west. During a quick column test on a SE aspect at about 10,200', the result was CT14."

Number of slides
0
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Red Flag
Advisory Year
21-22