Skier avalanche fatality on west side of Bridgers

Truman Gulch
Bridger Range
2/26/2019
Code
HS-ASu-R3-D2.5-O
Elevation
8300
Aspect
W
Latitude
45.80680
Longitude
-110.93500
Notes

Yesterday afternoon a skier was killed in a slide on the west side of the Bridger Range at the top of Truman Gulch on a run called St. Lawrence. The skier was travelling solo and a separate party of two, skinning uphill, witnessed him triggering the slide and getting swept downhill. They responded swiftly, got a beacon signal and saw his hand sticking out of the snow. The dug him up and did CPR, but the skier never revived. He was carried approximately 1,000 feet vertical down a steep slope causing fatal trauma. The skier was a well known and loved local and we are deeply saddened to report this tragic accident. In the coming days we will release a full accident report.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
1
Number killed
1
Avalanche Type
Hard slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
3
D size
2.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
36.0 inches

Vertical Fall
1000ft
Slab Width
150.00ft
Images
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Attached Videos
Avalanche Fatality, Truman Gulch - 26 Feb 2019
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
18-19