

SE Aspect Flanders Mountain

Date

Sat, 01/09/2021 - 12:00

Activity

Skiing

We dug a pit and found a really weak snowpack! Snowpilot pit attached below. Regardless of the poor stability result, we proceeded to ski an East facing bowl south of Flanders Mountain knowing that the slope angle was low and only flirted with 30 degrees in some parts of the bowl. We could have chosen to ski the trees further to our left, but after evaluating the consequence associated with skiing the bowl, we decided that the center of the bowl did not pose too big a risk given we skied one at a time. My partner skied first, he skied practically all the way back to the skin track when the slope failed and the entire bowl released. He was pretty well out of the way of danger by the time the bowl began to move. From our perspective, the trigger happened at the bottom of the slope. The avalanche code roughly: SS-A-AS-R4-D2-O. The bowl was not the only slope that slid, the avalanche propagated around the ridge and released a slide on the more south-easterly facing aspect just south of the bowl. We tail-tucked and went home glad no one was caught or hurt.

Region

Northern Gallatin

Location (from list)

Flanders Creek

Observer Name

Flanders Tour