Avalanche South Face Mount Abundance

Mount Abundance Cooke City 2/21/2022 Code SS-AMu-R2-D2-O Elevation 10000 Aspect S Latitude 45.07730 Longitude -110.02100 Notes

Riders spotted this large avalanche on the south face of Mount Abundance on President's Day. It was unknown whether it was natural or human-triggered. The group had some sled issues on their way to go check on the situation and retreated to town.

We later determined that it was sledder triggered based on video footage on social media

Number of slides 1 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Snowmobile **Trigger Modifier** u-An unintentional release R size 2 D size 2 Bed Surface O - Old snow Problem Type Persistent Weak Layer Slab Thickness 24.0 inches Vertical Fall 650ft Slab Width 750.00ft

Weak Layer Grain type Faceted Crystals Weak Layer grain size 1.50mm Weak Layer Hardness 4F-Slab Layer Grain Type Partially decomposed precipitation particles Images Avalanche on Mt. Abundance, full slide Crown of slide on Abundance Avalanche South Face Abundance 2 Avalanche South Face Abundance Attached Videos Snowmobile Triggered Avalanche, Cooke City - 25 Feb 2022 Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 21-22