Wind slab avalanches in the northern gallatin

Northern Gallatin 2/8/2025 Code SS-ASu-R1-D1 Elevation 7800 Aspect NW Latitude 45.59870 Longitude -111.03300 Notes

Toured into the north Gallatin today and skied on north facing terrain. Saw obvious <u>loading</u> in the new snow up high on the ridge lines, but no recent natural avalanches. We encountered several debris piles that were covered by new snow, probably from a few days ago and likely wind slabs based on the terrain. Skiing, we triggered 3 wind slabs (ss-d1-r1) on a north west facing slope at around 7800', each ran the entirety of the face. Notably, one of the slabs propagated above the skier and about 20-25 ft to the right. Skiing a north east slope (slightly more sheltered), no signs of instability were observed. We didn't observe a <u>weak layer</u> underneath the most recent new snow, but we did see a layer of dust and crust deeper in the pack.

Number of slides 3 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Skier **Trigger Modifier** u-An unintentional release R size 1 D size 1 Problem Type Wind-Drifted Snow **Snow Observation Source** Wind slab avalanches in the northern gallatin Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Multiple Avalanches Advisory Year

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