



This avalanche resulted in a fatality on Henderson Bench outside of Cooke City. The slope had a northeast aspect and was 250 vertical feet. The slide failed on a layer of facets over an ice crust three feet below the surface. The victim was strained through trees and likely died of trauma.

The slope is longer and steeper than it appears in the photograph. Photo GNFAC

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**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Thu Dec 15, 2016](#)  
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