Natural Avalanche at Big Sky Resort

Big Sky Resort
Northern Madison
10/24/2022
Code
SS-N-R2-D2.5
Aspect
NE
Latitude
45.27600
Longitude
-111.43600
Notes

Big Sky Ski Patrol saw evidence of a natural avalanche in the closed ski area.

From email: "saw evidence of a large avalanche that ran in 3 Forks area of The Headwaters... NE aspect in the probable start zone (could not see a crown) that likely saw significant wind loading Monday. It ran full track and broke some branches and small trees in the runout.

That was the only activity I saw (3 Forks is an avalanche factory with large storms). Definite wind effect across the alpine."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
2
D size
2.5
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23