

Avalanches on Lionhead Ridge

Lionhead Ridge
Lionhead Range
1/8/2019
Code
SS-N-R3-D2-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect Range
E-SE
Notes

Many avalanches broke during the last week's avalanche cycle at Lionhead. Natural and snowmobile triggered slides were reported between 1/7 and 1/9. On 1/6-1/7 the area got a foot of heavy snow followed by strong winds. This loaded an unstable snowpack that is poorly supported by 1.5' of sugary snow on the ground. Avalanches broke 2-3 feet deep on this weak snow, and propagated relatively wide.

Multiple Avalanches

Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
3
D size
2
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
32.0 inches
Vertical Fall
400ft
Slab Width
150.00ft
Images
[Avalanche north of Airplane Bowl](#)
[Airplane Bowl Natural Avalanche](#)
Slab Thickness units
inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

18-19