

Skier triggered avalanche near Saddle Peak

Argentina Bowl
Bridger Range
1/15/2020
Code
SS-ASu-R3-D2.5-O
Elevation
8600
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.78690
Longitude
-110.93500
Notes

Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl on Saddle Peak. Observed from the highway. Occurred during the day on Wednesday, 1/15/2020.

From e-mail: "Skiers triggered two separate slides on south Saddle this afternoon. we witnessed the smaller [slide](#) to the lookers right of the big [slide](#), the bigger one happened later apparently... The first smaller [slide](#) was caused by a [ski cut](#) near the trees, [fracture](#) was about 2 feet, soft [slab](#) that seemed to run on a thin [sun crust](#) below the [sun crust](#) was also very weak and sugary. Not sure when the second skier went farther out and triggered the whole bowl, but they got lucky!!"

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
3
D size
2.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
36.0 inches
Vertical Fall

1000ft

Slab Width

600.00ft

Images

[Avalanches on saddle Peak/Argentina Bowl Close up](#)

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[19-20](#)